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Easter

ELLA M. REA

THE coming of that first Easter was a glorious dawn. As I think of it there rises to my mind a picture of a cloudless, fresh, peaceful morning, with the sweet flowers lifting petals dew-sparkled, to receive new life from the rising sun, the birds caroling their joyous lays in praise of the Father's care, and always the glorious sun just peeping above the horizon and sending out its life-giving beams, and the women with their faces toward all this glory, upon whose hearts so soon would break the light of the glad resurrection.

A loved pastor once stood in his pulpit on Easter Day, and led our thought in sweet contemplation of its gladness. Years have passed and the words of the sermon have largely been forgotten, but by one who heard, the victory portrayed by the whole discourse is still vividly held in memory in this one exultant exclamation of the preacher: "It began to dawn, and it has never ceased dawning!"

That is the joy of Easter—the dawning of the Sun of Righteousness. The dark shadows of ages are dispelled by a radiance born that Easter morning that has grown continuously brighter and yet more bright, and is penetrating into earth's dark corners and bringing life and joy and redemption. ¶ Well may our hearts exultantly sing: "He ever liveth!" "Because He lives, we shall live also!"

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A PARABLE FOR REFORMERS

(NEW YORK CALL)

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,
Though to talk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant;
So the people said something would have to be done
But their projects did not at all tally.
Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff,"
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day;
For it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who had slipped over that dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highways and valleys
Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful," they said,
"And if folks even slip and are dropping,
It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much
As the shock down below when they're stopping."
So day after day, as these mishaps occurred,
Quick forth would these rescuers sally,
To pick up the victims who fell off the cliff
With their ambulance down in the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim when old,
For the voice of true wisdom is calling;
"To rescue the falling is good, but it's best
To prevent other people from falling."
Better close up the source of temptations and crime
Than deliver from dungeon or galley;
Better put a strong fence round the top of the cliff
Than an ambulance down in the valley.

Easter in Jerusalem

WHETHER visits the Holy Land tries to spend the week of Easter in Jerusalem. The mountains and valleys of the country are very much as they were at the time of Jesus, however, they are almost destitute of trees today as they were not at that time, but from January to April wild flowers cover them in gorgeous profusion. The peasants are not so numerous as then, but they dress and live very much as in our Lord's day. The sower still sows in the old-fashioned way, the shepherd is seen everywhere on the mountainside with his small flock of sheep and goats. The donkey is the beast of burden except when the journey is very long, then trains of camels with their long swinging strides are used very much as when the main highway of trade lay across Palestine connecting Egypt with Assyria and Babylon and Persia.

During Easter week the Jews and Mohammedans besides the Christians have elaborate celebrations in Jerusalem. So the three greatest religions of history are having celebration in one city at the same time. Add to that the fact that each of these religions is divided into sects not always friendly and that the various Christian sects have in times past literally torn each other to pieces on this occasion, and you will know that the air is electric with possibilities. The traveler is certain of thrills, the outcome of which are not always certain.

The crowd of pilgrims is a wonderful spectacle to behold. As the ends of the earth are represented there are probably more different languages spoken in Jerusalem at Easter than in any other city of the world. There are to be seen the Arabs, with their bright-colored sashes and turbans; the Hindu, with his white cloak and hood; the Abyssinian, whose figure and shiny black face are more conspicuous than his costume; the Jew, in flowing robes of colors; the Russians by the thousands with their peculiar peasant garb—all these are there, to say nothing of monks of every description, and many foreigners who dress as we do.

On Thursday evening the patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Catholic Church washes the feet of twelve bishops on a raised platform in the narrow court before the Church of the Holy Sepulchre symbolic of our Lord's act. If one wishes to see this he must make arrangements in advance for a seat on a neighboring housetop, and then get some soldiers to push through the crowd, otherwise the chances of seeing will be very slight.

On Good Friday afternoon an imposing spectacle is seen along the Sacred Way, a

great procession to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. When this has reached the church services are conducted in the sanctuary with great pomp; these services are however, frequently marred by blood tumults.

On Saturday before Easter the so-called descent of the Holy Fire is celebrated. The church is crowded to the utmost, many of the pilgrims had spent the night there to be present at this celebration. As soon as the Holy Fire has been kindled, which the pilgrims believe has come down from heaven, thousands of lighted candles are seen in the building, all lighted from this same holy flame.

On Easter the bells are booming all day. There are many bells in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and they are rung during the greater part of the day. Also the many other churches in Jerusalem have bells, and all they peal forth their glad sounds on Easter. In all these churches are to be seen throngs of people receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Here the scenes are not so exciting as those seen on the previous days in the holy places, but they are certainly a great deal more worshipful. For now these thousands of pilgrims, after they have fulfilled their heart's desire by worshipping at the supposed site of Calvary and at the garden tomb on the anniversary of those days which brought new hope to the world, are joining in a service which reminds them that they must look to the Christ of Calvary for food and drink to give them spiritual strength.

THE FIRST EASTER

Lonely in the house of John,
While the others slept—
Sensing nor cooling winds
Nor stars
His mother wept—
Seeing alone
The wreathen thorns
About His head,
Hearing His words
Upon the cross,
Mourning Him dead.
Lonely in the house of John,
His mother lay,
Though song was in the olive trees,
And all the east was gray.

Then—Light . . .
Light in the little room . . .
Wide arms . . . an answering cry .
Light . . . and His voice . . .
"Be not afraid, O mother,
It is I."

The Sustaining Membership of the Luther League of America

By H. P. CAEMMERER

Washington Member, Finance Committee

THE readers of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW have noticed from time to time in these pages, articles on the Sustaining Membership of the Luther League of America.

The Sustaining Membership was begun about a year ago upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Luther League of America, and approved by the Executive Committee *ad interim*, to meet the needs of the organization for additional funds to carry forward the work of the Luther League. The plan was also submitted to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America and "strongly endorsed" by them. Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, became the first "Sustaining Member." The results for the past year, 1923, have been gratifying, considering that contributions have been solicited almost entirely through the mails. The sum received to date for 1923 amounts to \$3,500.

The desire of the Finance Committee for 1924, however, is to secure \$10,000, which is to be used to carry out the advance program of the Luther League of America. A special "Sustaining Membership Committee" has also been appointed and consists of a very active Leaguer in each of the various Luther League organizations. With the assurance that we could count on the help of most of our friends who believe in the future of the Luther League Movement, the Executive Committee has taken the first step in the advance program by making the following appropriations for 1924:

\$1,500 for the employment of a full-time Junior and Intermediate Secretary, who will devote her full time to encouraging and developing, so far as possible, junior and intermediate Luther League work. The need is so urgent that it is hoped the friends of the League will provide the where-withal for the employment of a separate full-time Intermediate Secretary in addition.

\$500 toward the traveling expenses of the General Secretary so that he can visit and organize central organizations in outlying territories where previously because of lack of funds he could not personally visit nor develop the Luther League work there.

\$1,000 for the employment of a full-time

stenographer and clerk at our National Luther League Headquarters, 707 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, so that the office might never have to be closed during office hours, when the Secretaries are away at conferences.

\$800 — \$200 each for the strengthening of the Junior, Intermediate, Missionary, and Life Service Departments. These amounts, of course, are inadequate, but it is hoped that the friends of the League will make possible larger appropriations for these important departments.

As one who has had considerable experience in Luther League work and who has observed the work of other great young people's organizations of this country, I personally regard the "Sustaining Membership" of the Luther League of America as one of the best methods that has ever been suggested to provide for the future welfare of the Luther League. I firmly believe it will ultimately solve our financial problems for the rapidly expanding work of the Luther League.

LUTHER LEAGUES ALSO ELIGIBLE.

The Sustaining Membership was planned primarily for individuals, but upon the request of a number of Luther Leagues, in January, 1924, the Executive Committee extended the Sustaining Membership to Luther League organizations.

THE "ALUMNI."

At this time, therefore, I wish to urge in behalf of our Finance Committee, that not only Luther Leagues and individual Luther Leaguers become "Sustaining" members, but also those who in years gone by have received training in the Luther League, the "alumni" so to speak, who count it a great blessing that they became members of the Luther League in their former days and who are now successful business and professional men and women, or successful in other fields of activity. To all these friends, I say, the Sustaining Membership is deserving of your support.

A "Sustaining Member," as authorized by the Executive Committee *ad interim*, is one who will contribute \$5.00 or more each year for the three years 1923, 1924 and 1925. As already stated, we are planning to raise \$10,000 in 1924. The 1923 payment is op-

tional, but it is hoped that as many as can do so will include it in their remittance.

It should be remembered that several years ago—at the Washington Convention of the United Lutheran Church, in October, 1920—the Luther League of America became the official young people's organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, and as such it takes its rightful place as one of the several great young people's organizations. In July of that same year, at the National Convention of the Luther League of America in Fort Wayne, \$10,000 was raised so that the Luther League of America could become officially a part of the United Lutheran Church with all its debts paid—a task which was accomplished.

THE LEAGUE'S INCOME.

But unlike other Church bodies, the United Lutheran Church makes no provision in its budget for its official young people's work. All of the League's funds which it has for carrying on the work, therefore, come from the per capita dues and contributions from Luther Leaguers and interested friends. The sum received from this source of revenue in 1922 amounted to less than \$3,000 and in 1923 to less than \$5,000. The per capita dues have been kept at a low figure—25 cents per year per member—for the very good reason that most of our Luther Leaguers are without incomes of their own. They are of the ages when they are either going to school or college, still dependent upon their parents or are just beginning to earn a little in business life. Consequently, it is to the Luther Leaguers who are older and who have incomes of their own and to the "alumni" that the Finance Committee is looking for Sustaining Members. It is a law of nature that the strong help the weak.

ITS THIRTY YEARS' WORK WORTH WHILE.

During the past thirty years the Luther League has justified its existence. It has supplied quite a number of the present leaders in the United Lutheran Church in America, both in the ministry and among the laity, many of whom have been active in the League in years gone by. It is interesting to know that Dr. F. H. Knubel, the President of the United Lutheran Church in America, was an active member of one of the two societies that first planned the Luther League; that Mr. E. F. Eilert, Treasurer of the National Lutheran Council, was the first President of the Luther League of New York State; and that Dr. W. L. Hunton, of the Parish and Church School Board was the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee that brought in at the first convention the name "Luther League." And there are many others, former Leaguers, occupying places of responsibility in our Church.

Out of the ranks of the Luther League too, have come many of the present leaders in the local churches here and abroad—the ministers, missionaries, deaconesses, choir directors, financial secretaries, church treasurers, officers of church societies, and so on through every place of responsibility in a local church. The Luther League is in addition to its educational, devotional and missionary character, a great training school in practical Christian service. Both in cities and in communities remote from the opportunities for higher education; the Luther League equips boys and girls, young men and women, for the work of our Church of tomorrow. Surely this work is deserving of the support which the Finance Committee of the Luther League of America is asking through the Sustaining Membership. It is a work which should be continued.

Many educational institutions and organizations with less tangible results to point to are asking for sums varying from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000, in order that they may have adequate funds to carry on their work. Our Finance Committee is asking for the modest sum of \$10,000, and we feel confident that our present Luther Leaguers, our "alumni" and our friends will contribute sums from \$5.00 to \$100 for the three years 1923, 1924 and 1925.

WRITE TO JOHN GREINER.

Contributions should be sent to John Greiner, Jr., Secretary, Finance Committee, Luther League of America, 400 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Payment may be made on account, quarterly, or in lump sums for the two or three years. Please send in your subscription at once, though, even if you cannot accompany with a remittance at this time.

Among the young people's organizations of its kind in this country today, there is none that is serving a nobler purpose than the Luther League. Our Budget is as reasonable as anyone could expect in order adequately to carry on the work of a great national young people's organization. If every Luther Leaguer, "alumnus" and friend, take hold and help, and we will soon have the \$10,000 so urgently needed.

NO EXEMPTIONS

An old Highland clergyman was lecturing a group of his people in the village hall and again and again repeated the words "There will be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth."

A would-be wit at the back of the hall called out: "What about those that have no teeth?"

The minister looked down over his glasses and said with great solemnity and complete conviction: "Teeth will be provided."

Life Service Spirit in the Luther League

By RUTH LEAMER

"Jesus came to serve, not to be served."

"He who serves most, serves best."

"If any man serve me, let him follow me."

—John 12:26.

"For brethren, ye have been called into liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but to love, serve one another."
—Gal. 5:13.

"SERVICE" is the act of helping another, or of promoting his interests in any way.

Therefore he who serves most gets the most out of life. Among the people we know, we find that those who are most liked are the ones who are the most helpful and considerate of other people's desires. Neither are they forgotten as soon as the others are.

Among the mountains of the Northwest lies a beautiful lake, a tiny sheet of water that occupies the bottom of a cuplike depression among the hills, the irregular outlines of which are mirrored in its surface. It is believed that its bed is the crater of an extinct volcano. From time to time tourists visit the lake and fish for trout in its sparkling waters or perhaps simply sit and enjoy the charm of it. Formerly, the approach to the hills among which it is situated, was arid country almost devoid of life. On every side stretched desolate reaches of sand and sagebrush where the heat waves shimmered and the black lizards lay panting in the sun. But it is not so today. The desert has disappeared and on every side are fertile pasture lands. The lake has wrought the change. The encircling hills have been pierced, sluiceways have been constructed, and the sparkling waters have flowed down the slopes, carrying life to the stricken region.

And yet the lake has lost none of its beauty. Its placid surface still reflects the air-crowned crags and the deep blue of the arching skies. Tourists still fish for trout in its waters and sit and enjoy the loveliness of the picture.

There are people who are like that lake. They surround themselves by a wall of covarice, greed and selfishness. They help no one around them. No one is influenced in any way by them. Then the hand of man, as an agency through which God works, makes a part and an opening is made through which the love and help which have been imprisoned in this lake can get out. When this love and helpfulness get busy and flow out just like the water does, out through the people that they know. And then they start a life of service.

These are the kind of people our League must work on and influence. That is why one of our League's aims must be that of creating a spirit of Life Service in its organization.

We, as Luther Leaguers, should plan that into whatever life work we enter to always serve others. No matter into what business or profession we enter we can make this possible. As Milton said, "They also serve who only stand and wait." A business man's main thought must be that of serving the public. His business could not long exist if he did not plan to serve. Then when he has made a success and has laid up a fortune, let him not give himself alone the credit for his success but give the glory to God. Neither use all of his money for himself but for the betterment of humanity—again serving others.

A doctor has very many opportunities, in his profession of serving others. In fact his life is spent in serving. No matter when he is called upon he feels it is his duty to go to the help of another.

As a lawyer, Abraham Lincoln might stand as an example of one who served others. If he ever felt that a case was unworthy or unjust, he refused to work on it but whenever he knew it was a case in which he could help someone, he served.

Even the ditch digger of whom we always think as having a rather lowly position, may give a life of service. His perhaps is not in such a direct manner as others might be, but if he works his full time and does his work well he is doing a service to someone. He is being honest.

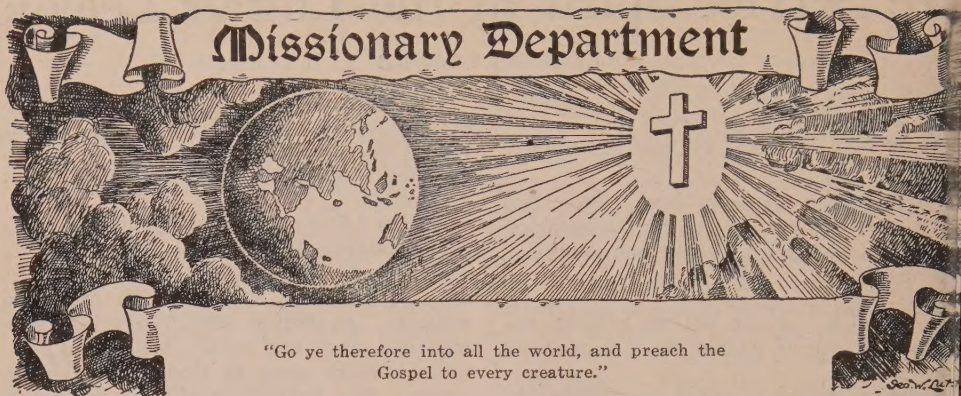
In these few lines of Wordsworth he tells us that even a daisy of the field can do its bit of service:

"Small service is true service while it lasts:
Of humblest friends, bright Creature: scorn not one:
The Daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dew drop from the sun."

This is very true. The League offers many opportunities along which we young people can develop Christian character and ways of serving. Not many years ago there was no place for the young people in the church. The only part they could take was that of going to church and Sunday School and even then they had nothing to say. But now we have the Luther League as an organization for the young people in which they can express their own opinions. It offers them an opportunity of working among and helping other young people. In this way we may become developed for life service. We cannot only be of service to

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Missionary Department



"Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

"THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE."

Mr. William E. Salzmänn is an enthusiastic Luther Leaguer of Portland, Oregon. His very suggestive article on "The Missionary Committee" is given here in abbreviated form. Have you such a Committee in your State, District and Local Leagues? May Mr. Salzmänn's example of carefully arranging his thoughts and experiences lead others to send contributions to the Missionary Secretary?

The Why of the Missionary Committee.—In the September, 1923, LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW (page 4), we find these as the duties of the Missionary Committee: "The Missionary Committee shall enlist the interest and coöperation of the young people in the Missionary and Benevolent interests of the Church. It shall enlist the members in the systematic study of Christian missions, through the distribution of missionary literature, formation of mission study classes and monthly missionary meetings of the League."

Every League should have a Missionary Committee, because (1), the Luther League is a Christian organization, and anything Christian must be missionary, for Christianity is essentially a missionary religion; (2), our League work under the three-fold objective (Education, Missions and Life Service) demands such a committee; and (3), "a League that does not missionate, has no mission," for without a single exception the Leagues that have caught the true missionary spirit are the Leagues that are showing progress.

Membership of the Committee.—The Missionary Committee, appropriately termed "the feet of the League, carrying the glad tidings into all the world," demands a personnel of at least two missionary enthusiasts and several that know little of missions, so that they may catch the spirit. In the scheme of our work as suggested by our National Missionary Secretary, the local Missionary Secretary should be chairman

of this committee. This person should be a missionary enthusiast, but in the event no such can be found, it would be well for a pastor to interest a small group in this line of endeavor, by meeting for a period of study in his own house.

Size of the Committee.—This committee should be composed of not less than three members, and on the other hand, should not be too large so that an active chairman can direct all of the members.

Organization.—The committee should be organized so as to keep in systematic touch with the National Secretary and also with the various mission boards. Each member should be assigned a certain duty along the line of the Committee's Plans.

Work and Duty.—The duties of this committee, as given before, are by no means minute and detailed. But in the following paragraphs I shall attempt to enlarge upon them fully and also give some suggestions on the line of work the committee should take.

"To enlist the interest and coöperation of the young people in the Missionary and Benevolent interests of the Church, through

1. The monthly Missionary Meeting
2. Missionary reading
3. Missionary study class
4. Missionary giving
5. Distribution of Missionary literature
6. Actual Missionary work
7. Missionary Socials
8. Missionary play or pageant
9. Missionary Prayer.

Monthly Missionary Meetings.—Under the scheme of our Topics, we are fortunate in having one missionary meeting each month. Experience has shown that these meetings are always better attended and more participated in than the other League meetings. This is all the more why plans for same must be laid the more carefully so that the character of these meetings may be maintained. As one League puts it, "they are so interesting, inspiring and instructive." All the more that

committee must work to make and keep them so. These meetings, the preparation, leaders and all, belong entirely to the Missionary Committee. Take a glance at the topics for at least a year in advance, if same can be obtained. Note the dates these meetings happen on. Circle these dates with a heavy red mark, so that they can stand out, not only to the Committee, but also to the Leagues and the Church. Note the scheme of the topics, month by month. What is the impression to be made, what the information to be given for the year?

Plan a little something for every meeting long in advance. Gather your material from all sources. Take advantage of world happenings to instruct your League, in the people, the life, the country, the resources, the work done, and the possibilities of the nation brought before the world through some great happening. (Japan, 1923.)

Week by week, at the regular Devotional Meetings, have some member of the committee report one or two interesting missionary items. These need not have any connection with the topic for the next meeting, but if they do have, let them be of the snappiest and best so as to arouse an interest in the coming meeting.

For the meeting, (1) use maps and flags of the country or field under discussion. Place a star to show where mission stations of our Church are located; (2) give a small flag of the country or field under discussion to each one as he or she comes into the meeting; (3) show and explain curios, coins and costumes of the country or field being studied; (4) have a member of the committee dress in native costume and give a missionary talk on the country or field being studied; (5) make striking posters on missionary work and statistics and put same on your Church Bulletin Board; (6) secure stereopticon views from our Mission Boards and give an entire meeting over to the viewing of same; (7) secure post-cards and other missionary pictures from the Mission Boards and use the "Reflectoroscope;" (8) have foreign missionary hymns used in the meetings as solos, duets, trios, quartettes, etc.; (9) secure phonograph records of songs in foreign languages to be used in the meeting; (10) take the missionary hymns of the Church, find out who wrote them and how they came to be written; (11) close the meetings with a "quiz" on all points brought out during the meeting. These are but a few suggestions of an unlimited amount of material for these meetings.

Missionary Reading.—There are various ways of starting and holding the interest in the reading of missionary books, magazines, tracts, etc. Secure a missionary library, even if but a few books. Ask the

Sunday School to get some and cooperate with them in circulating the books. Encourage reading, for there are some who will not join a Study Class, but who will read a book, and the impression is the more lasting.

Some member of the Committee could read a short interesting selection from some missionary book in the Weekly Devotional Meeting for a period of a month or so, and after the meeting proceed to loan out the book. In like manner the main facts about some missionary's life might be given and reference handed out where the account could be found.

Hold a reading contest. Reward the Leaguer who reads the largest number of selected missionary books and magazines in a certain period. Secure several copies of missionary pamphlets from our Mission Boards, bind same in neat, attractive covers, and on the back of each cover write the names of ten members. Give the pamphlets to the first member on each list, who when finished passes same on to the next person, and so on. Make it a contest to see which group finishes reading first.

Missionary Study Class.—In the February, 1924, LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW we find that our Home Mission Study Book is, "For a New America," by Hayne, or "The Child and America's Future," by Stowell, and our Foreign Mission Study book, "Japan on the Upward Trail," by William Axling. These books are within the reach of our Leaguers and teaching helps can also be secured for same.

Contrary to all notions, a large class is not needed to begin with. Secure the list of all, Leaguers and others too, who will promise to attend a class of this kind. Appoint a leader, not necessarily a missionary scholar, just an enthusiast. Decide on a meeting time and a place of meeting. From six to eight weeks will complete the course. Every member of the class should have a text-book. The class might meet in private homes, or with the pastor at his home. The pastor need not be the leader, but he should be present to encourage and work with the class.

Missionary Giving.—One of the duties of the Committee, is to secure membership in the "Tenth Legion" or "Tithing Band." Make it a matter of personal solicitation to secure same. It should, of course, know the principles and arguments for this cause by reading and studying on the subject.

Find out who the Luther League Missionaries are and see that every Leaguer is informed about the work of same. Secure contributions for these missionaries as specials towards their support.

An every member canvass can be conducted for missionary offerings. Make it a rule

to contribute to all the Mission Boards. Secure the necessary funds, either through an offering at the monthly missionary meetings or through the every member canvass. Propose to the Luther League the support of a missionary or an orphan. Above all, set up a missionary budget of gifts for the year and work to attain it.

Distribution of Missionary Literature.—Put up a literature rack in the church vestibule, and keep same well supplied with interesting missionary leaflets and literature secured from our Mission Boards.

Actual Missionary Work.—Send letters to missionaries, and read their replies to the League. Coöperate with city missions. Fill Missionary boxes for Home and Foreign fields. Do not neglect missionary work at your own door. Make friends of all who do not know Christ.

Missionary Socials.—Assisted by the Social Committee plan at least two socials each year along missionary lines, one on Home Missions, and one on Foreign Missions. Try a "Missionary Hero Social," each member comes dressed up to represent a missionary. All coming from the same country report to all the rest, (1) why they went to that field; (2) how they found the field, and (3) the needs of their field today. Pictures of missionaries are put on the walls, no names to identify them, and every one is to guess who the missionaries are.

For a "Missionary Night," make each committee of the League responsible for a booth. The booths are decorated to represent a mission field; each booth has one member dressed to impersonate a missionary who gives a five-minute talk telling why and how he went to this certain field; what he found there; what has been done for the people, etc. Each booth contributes one item of food for the evening's refreshments. Each guest has a slip pinned on, the boys the name of a mission field and the girls of a missionary; partners are secured for refreshments by getting the right missionary with the right field. Other and many different plans could be used, as for instance a "Japanese Social," "An African Palaver," "An Indian Pow-wow," etc.

Missionary Plays and Pageants.—For a complete list see the March, 1923, LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Start with a small play or pageant for League members. Then put on something big and worthwhile, inviting everybody. Coöperate with some other church society if need be.

Missionary Prayer.—Before we can work, give and pray we must know, hence prayer is put last as the most important. It is an element that must enter in at every turn and thought of the work. It must be used for the reflex influence on those hearing,

but also for the results in the mission field.

If the League does not support a missionary financially let each member adopt one and aid him by prayer, remembering him daily especially in the Quiet Hour.

Ask every Leaguer to pray at noon for a certain mission field or missionary, designated by the Committee. Set aside one day in the year for prayer for missions.

Mention all the workers of a certain field by name at some monthly meeting and pray for same.

Keep a record of answers to your prayers.

To the Missionary Committee.—And to the example of the Committee is to do all the things—read, study, give, work and pray.

PALMS

Tokens of homage in the Saviour's passion. It was some comfort to strew them there and to spread garments at His feet, while thorns were gathering for His Crown. Do you think these palms will wither? Where true love places them in His way, I wonder, did angels gather them and touch them with immortality to wave them before the Conqueror when He ascended the throne of glory? Palm Sunday and Ascension are not so far apart. Will the later cry, "Crucify Him" completely drown the memory of these Hosannas? He was pleased with Mary's anointing and will not let his memory die. Can we give him pleasures and demonstrations of homage, devotion and love? These days of humble worship, offerings of help in His name to the starving millions abroad, carrying His Word to the regions of darkness and death; these some palms that He gathers for this world of His sorrows and victory? Thorns of earth bear blossoms, too. Garments we sent to Europe are in His hand and His feet touch them. That gives them new value. They carry a new warmth, did it unto Me."

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

We come again with a word about the confirmation class. There the Luther League has a big duty and also a great opportunity. You owe it to the members of the class to look after them, to seek to get them into your training set for church workers, namely, the Luther League. Do not be careless and indifferent about it. Go after them. Continue after them. Get the spirit into your congregation that it is the natural, normal thing for the young folks to do, to join the Luther League just as soon as they are confirmed. Of course, every congregation should have its Junior League, and use them in the process of training for the Intermediate and Senior Leagues.



Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

"GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE"

IN this issue of the REVIEW we conclude the presentation of the article, "Investing Your Life," by Miss Myrtle Davis of Columbus, S. C. Miss Davis is Life Service and Educational Secretary of her State League and in that capacity is setting a splendid example for other State Life Service Secretaries to "go and do thou likewise." The Life Service program is being "put across" in this Southern State because some one there is "putting it across." As this article well shows, Miss Davis has given this subject careful and prayerful consideration. If we all can get to the place that we realize that God has given us a life to invest, not for selfishness but for Him, the Kingdom will not tarry but will be brought into the lives of all men. For the reasons that this article should cause us to think most seriously on this matter and because of the splendid example of the writer as an officer, we have published this article in full.

The questions which this article puts so frankly should be made personal by every League and Leaguer. What applies to South Carolina applies equally well to every other State. Yes, Luther Leaguers—Don't make excuses—Make Good.

MORE HELPFUL LITERATURE YOU SHOULD POSSESS AND STUDY.

Frequent requests come to this office for helpful literature on the question of Life Service. It has been the policy of this Department to keep before the Leaguers the best of literature published and if they will refer to the issues of 1923 they will find in various issues rather extensive lists given. We would call their attention to several more helpful books, among them being "Young Men Who Overcame," Mott; "The Choice of a Career," Evans and Brown. Glance at the contents of the last named volume.

Ch. 1. God's Purpose in Planning Every life.

Ch. 2. The Discovery of God's Plan.

Ch. 3. Fundamentals in Choosing a Career.

Ch. 4. What the World Offers Me.

Ch. 5. Christian Work a Normal Program.

Ch. 6. The Disappointed Volunteer.

Ch. 7. Types of Work in the Church; Home.

Ch. 8. Fields of Service and Types of Work: Foreign.

Ch. 9. The Kind of Missionaries Wanted.

Ch. 10. The Personal Equation.

Ch. 11. The Three "C's."

Ch. 12. How God Has Called Men; or, Can I Know That I Am "Called"?

While this book is written from the Methodist viewpoint it will be found exceedingly valuable as a help on so important a question as the Choice of a Life Work. Any book we mention may be had from our own Publication Board or any of its branch offices.

Have you examined the new pageant,— "The Reply of Youth," published by our Board of Education. Get it, it is free for the asking.

How would you welcome the plan combining the "Day of Prayer" as now conducted by the Board of Education and "The Life Service Decision Day" of the Luther League? Write us your thoughts.

Now turning to the other type of investment, that which makes Christ the center and the circumference of the life—what do you have to put in here and what are the returns? Let us answer these questions also by pointing to men who have made such an investment. The first illustration that comes to my mind is that Jew of Tarsus who was one of the most intellectual and learned men of his day. Before him lay a brilliant career as a leader of the Jews. Then on the road to Damascus there came a time when he had to choose his life investment. What kind did he choose? Answering in his own words, "For me to

live is Christ, and Christ liveth in me." Did he give up anything? No, he realized that he had been using his faculties in the wrong direction and he about-faced and exerted that same intellect and all his powers for Christ. And what were his returns? We know that the time returns was a life of joy and peace and you and I today are reaping some of the blessed returns of his choice. And then we know that Paul is still reaping the returns in glory—he's getting the bigger returns now. Another man—the Dying Thief. He chose Christ and that day he was in Paradise. Again, how about that noble man, whose dying prayer was "God bless Newberry College," Dr. George Holland, a former President of Newberry. Many a flattering offer Dr. Holland had to leave old Newberry and work elsewhere, but he stuck.

We could go on and on and give illustration after illustration and classify every person from Adam on down under one of these two life investments—for self or God.

And now knowing that you have a life for investment, and realizing that there are but two to choose from, we come down to the fine point—which of these two are *you* going to choose? I'm not asking a single one of you to become a minister or a deaconess. Certainly the Church is calling, is literally begging on her knees, for her young people to work for her. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. At our Southern Seminary we have ten men today. Four of them graduate this year—three go into active work and one will take post-graduate work. Four men going out—and that represents the Lutheran Church in the whole South! How many young women are in training for deaconess work today from South Carolina? *Not one!* But as I said, I'm not appealing to you to be ministers, to be deaconesses. I haven't that right. I don't know that God wants a single one of you to do definite Church work, but I do know this—It's only right and fair that you should ask Him, who has given this life to be invested, what He wants you to do. He may not want you to line up definitely, but let Him tell you that He doesn't and then show you what He does want you to do. The reason so many life investments are failures and bring such poor returns is simply this—so many folks choose their investment and then ask God for His blessing. Christ says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." My plea then is this—Think and talk it over with Him first, asking, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do"? And remember this, when God points the way, obey. There

never has been a blessing without obedience. Do you think the blind man would have been healed if he had not bathed in the pool of Siloam as he was told to do? No. Do you think that the investment of Paul would have brought its rich returns if had not been obedient to the heavenly mission? No! Then you, too, must be obedient to His command.

Summing it all up briefly, you have life to invest and there's but a choice to make between self and Christ. Before you decide, seek Him and then obey. Then know that your life investment, whether you be a teacher, a minister, a doctor, a lawyer, whatever you be, will bring the richest, fullest returns that will be for time and eternity.

LUTHER LEAGUERS: DON'T MAKE EXCUSES
MAKE GOOD.

Are YOU in touch with

1. Your local League?

Is that League alive and active?
What are you doing to make it go forward?

2. The Luther League of South Carolina?

Do you know its objects, the names of its officers, its work?

3. The Luther League of America?

Do you know its objects, the names of its officers?

Do you read the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW?

Think of how much progress your local League would make if *you* and every member of it would "have a mind to work" for that League? Think of how much progress the Luther League of South Carolina would make if *you* and every Leaguer in every League of the State would be alive and working in these Leagues. Think of how much progress the Luther League of America would make if *you* and every Leaguer in every League in every State would "have a mind to work."

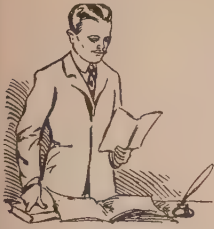
Leaguers, do not make excuses; make good in the service of His Kingdom.

Yours in His service,

MYRTLE DAVIS, Educational Secretary



Easter is a matter of custom—to many. To the small boy who dreams of gayly colored, oval-shaped candies; to the florist who thinks only of increased sales; to the two-a-year church-goer who comes at Christmas time and on Easter Sunday; to the worst of millinery whose Easter joy depends upon her degree of complacency after she has seen friend neighbor's hat; yes, to the professing Christian who sees in the season of Passion Week nothing but a far-off era of history. Easter is often an abused day.



Methods

QUITTERS ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The leader for the League meeting read the Scripture lesson and hummed a bit of the doxology.

"That's an easy topic to talk about," he said. "The telling of the Bible story will take several minutes and I must be sure to tell the sequel to this story and emphasize the disloyalty of the crowd that turned against Christ so quickly. A bunch of quitters they were!"

"I like to lead meetings when I can talk about the Bible lesson and don't have to do so very much thinking.

"Everybody ought to be able to talk on this subject. We've had it in Sunday School ever so often. I'd just like to know why it's put into our League topics again, when we all know every angle of it by heart."

The meeting he led was interesting. It was well planned. There were no long pauses. But—

The members of that League thought only about the disloyalty of the people who lived in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday and forgot about the disloyalty of today. They were indignant at the refusal of some of those people to acclaim Christ king, but did not remember that they themselves were not always willing to follow his commands. They pictured Jesus as a dim historical figure and failed to realize that what is needed most to-day is a consciousness of Christ's power over our hearts and lives.

The emphasis of this meeting ought not to be given to the Scripture lesson, although that is important, but to the need for young men and women who, in our community, will acknowledge Christ as King and loyally give him their obedience and service in every act of their lives.

COMPLETE YOUR PLANS FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS.

Confirmation is an outstanding day in the life of boys and girls. Then they are in the spirit of taking decisive steps for Christ and the Church. Let us not fall down before the splendid opportunities. Let us be faithful to our responsibilities respecting them.

Have you asked your pastor to present the matter of the claims of the Luther League to the confirmation class?

It would be well for you to have your president of the League and two others as a committee to come before the confirmation class, and tell them of the League, its work, what it means to you, and then invite and urge the members of the class to join the League.

Then arrange a special program when you are to receive them into the League, preferably possibly the Sunday night after Easter. Of course, local conditions may change the time.

Invite the members of the church council to attend that meeting and have one or two of them say a few words to those who are to unite with the League. Get up a good program for that service. Make something big of it.

We believe this practice of getting the confirmation class into the League will tend in a few years to be of great benefit to the Church, to the League, and to the young folks of the congregation.

We are absolutely convinced, from experience and observation, that the work of the young people's society is one of the most valuable agencies which the congregation has for the spiritual welfare and the training for Christian service, for the young folks of the congregation. It is a work well worth the while of the church council to take a personal, active interest in its welfare. The church council should have this work upon its heart. Before God, the members are charged with looking after the welfare of the young.

If you have done nothing about getting the confirmation class into the Luther League, it is not too late to do it now. But start at once.

DETOUR

A Cleveland man reports that he saw carved on a New York church door the words "The Gate to Heaven" and below on a sign "Closed for the Summer."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.



The Social Meeting



A RAINBOW PARTY

April showers and rainbows are seasonal during April and a social based on the same will entertain your League.

A card decorated with the colors of the rainbow will announce the social. Add the words "Rainbow Party at Luther League April 28 at eight o'clock."

Decorations.—Have a riot of color everywhere. A huge rainbow can be constructed of crepe paper or cheesecloth, and smaller ones should adorn the room everywhere.

The following are the colors that should be used: Violet, (purple), indigo (dark blue), blue (light), green, yellow, orange, red.

Games.—*Rainbow Chase, or Seeking the Pot of Gold.* Hide somewhere in the room a thimble or something of gold, representing the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. The players are to hunt for it. Each player as he finds it quietly takes his seat, not disturbing it and not tipping off the others players as to its hiding place.

Making Wishes.—The rainbow is a symbol of hope and promise, therefore a "wishing bee" is the next appropriate game. Let each person write a wish for some one else present, signing the name of that person. All papers are handed in and read aloud.

Rainbow Charades.—Number sets of slips from one to seven. Let each one draw one and then find the rest in the same group. There will then be seven groups. Assign one color of the rainbow to each group. Give each group a few moments to plan for acting out the name of its color. The rest of the groups guess what color the group represents. Here are some suggestions:

Purple.—One carries a large sign with a firm's name, underneath the name "per" in large letters, followed by several initials. Two Leaguers with a coat each endeavor to get it by pulling to get it away from the other.

Indigo (inn-dig-go).—Have several people with suitcases drop them on the floor, and then go to a book and register their names. One Leaguer goes through the motions of digging. The travelers pick up their suitcases and leave again.

Blue.—Group sits about disconsolate and tell one another their troubles.

Green.—A country boy comes in, shows his actions lack of knowledge of city ways.

Yellow (yell-low).—Have the group march about in a circle giving a Leap, yell. Then let two or three of them proceed to pass under the clasped hands of two persons, the hands being held so low that they have to go under on all fours.

Orange.—Have several come in each claiming, "Oh, oh." Then have several be pretend to be engaged in a battle with unseen enemy. The gunners (using an overturned chair) may be instructed by the captain that their shot is too high or too low until each gets the proper range.

Red.—Have group sit on platform. One player finishes reading a newspaper and passes it to another. This person passes it on with the information that he has read it.

Rainbow Contest.—Against a wall range a rainbow effect of colors, cutting colors from paper. Each color has a special number on it from one to seven. Players are blindfolded and provided with a stick through a strip of white cloth, each endeavors to pin this on the rainbow. The player is credited with the number of points represented by the color thus stuck. Each of the seven groups in the previous game is represented in this game by an equal number of contestants, and the group whose combined score is highest is the winner.

Rainbow Relay.—Select from the seven groups fourteen players to form two rainbow teams. Each team is given seven yards of cloth or ribbon in the rainbow colors. Each player is given his color and a number. A white cloth is hung at the opposite end of the room. The teams line up in the following order: purple, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. Both purples are toeing the mark and at a given signal run to the white cloth and pin up their color. They then race back to the starting point and touch off the next player in order who has moved up to the starting point. He then runs forward and pins up his color.

first team to finish its rainbow of colors and get back to the starting point is the winner.

Rainbow Fortunes.—A basket with small circles of rainbow color may be passed and each may select one color. On the back are rainbow fortunes as follows:

Purple means renown and fame,
You will win an honored name.

Dark blue's like the rolling sea,
So a traveler you'll be.

Since you wisely choose the *blue*,
You will find a sweetheart true.

Now, alas, you've chosen *green*,
You will never wed, I ween.

Yellow means abundant gold,
Thus for you is wealth foretold.

Orange means this fate's in store,
You'll wed one who's been wed before.

Red for you this fate discloses,
You'll wed the first one who proposes.

—*Phunology.*

AN EASTER PARTY.

Invitations.—Write invitations on butterfly or egg-shaped cards. They may read after this fashion: "An eggs-ellent Easter party has been planned for Friday night by the Luther League. We are egg-pecting you to be present. No egg-cuse will be eggs-cepted. We begin eggs-actly at 8 P.M."

Partners.—Let girls form a line in one room and the boys in another, arranging both lines according to height. Have them march out, meet, and come up double file, so that the tallest become partners, and so on.

Egg Hunt.—Now have an egg hunt, hiding paper eggs about the room. The couple finding the most eggs is declared winner. As prizes you might give a "Funny Easter Egg." These are made in the following manner. Empty an eggshell by pricking a hole in either end and blowing the contents out. Paint a face on it. Make the hole at the small end large enough to allow you to pour in a teaspoonful of small shot. Pour in melted wax on top of the shot and glue over the top a little round cap of red or blue flannel. No matter how you stand it it will always right itself.

Easter Hat Show.—Each couple is now furnished with tissue paper, scissors, needle and thread or paste, and each boy is requested to make an Easter bonnet for his partner to wear. She may assist. The winner—who succeeds in making the best hat—is presented with one of the Easter eggs as above.

Bunny Race.—Divide the company into a number of small groups. One contestant will represent each group. They must stoop like "bunnies" and hop to a given goal. Tie bow of ribbon around the winning "bunny's" neck.

Easter Ten Pin.—An equal number of players from each group engage in this contest. Little toy chickens are set up as ten-pins, and the players bowl them with a rubber ball. Have the chickens numbered from one to ten, and far enough apart to keep the scoring from being too heavy. Allow each player three trials. Have a scorer keep track of the scores made.—*Phunology.*

EASTER RECEPTION.

Do not forget to have a social for the new members of the League, or a reception for the confirmation class. This should be a more formal affair. The officers of the League should receive, and make the new members known to the young people of the church. The reception should be held in a room appropriately decorated, there should be some special musical features, and a few brief remarks from the President regarding the work and aims of the League would not be amiss. Refreshments should be served at small tables in as dainty a way as possible, and each new member during this time under the guidance of one of the League members presented to as many of those present as possible.

HAMLET'S LEAP YEAR SOLILOQUY

To marry, or not to marry, that is the question,

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The jeers and banter of outraged females,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by proposing, end them. To court; to marry;

To be a bach no more; and, by a marriage,
end

The heart-ache, and the thousand and one
ills

Bachelors are heir to; 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. But the dread
of something after

Makes us rather bear the ills we have
Than fly to others we know not of.

—*Hamline Oracle.*

A YOUNG DIPLOMAT

Little Henry: "Mother, may I have a nickel for the old man who is outside crying?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, but what is the old man crying about?"

Henry: "He's crying, 'Salty peanuts, five cents a bag.'"



General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:

In my last letter, I stated that in the near future, I would announce the meeting place of the next convention of the Luther League of America, and I am pleased to state that the invitation of Milwaukee has been accepted. It will be held some time in 1925. Your secretary is of the opinion that July is the most convenient month for all concerned. We must first discuss the matter with our hosts, however.

Of course, Charlotte and Omaha will be disappointed, but the officers have chosen Milwaukee after very serious consideration of the matter. They felt, that, at this time, the convention should go West, but Omaha was too far West, and too expensive, for our constituency, two-thirds of whom are in New York and Pennsylvania and many minus an earning capacity.

The geographical centre of the United Lutheran Church is twenty-six miles northwest of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. When the presidents of the constituent synods convene, it is in Harrisburg, because of its central location.

Milwaukee is easy of access from all parts of the United States, being but a two-hour ride from Chicago, is situated by the side of a lake, which gives it a pleasant climate, even in summer, and its churches are members of the Synod of the Northwest, one of the most aggressive units of the United Church, our own Dr. Bieber being its Missionary Superintendent. It can be reached by train, boat and inter-urban trolley and is convenient for all concerned.

Now that the place has been decided upon, begin to plan to be present and make the 1925 Convention the best in the history of the Luther League of America.

It has been brought to my attention that many of our Luther Leaguers in naming the motto and colors of the Luther League of America use an improper sequence.

The motto of the Luther League is: *Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church.*

The colors are: *black—red—white—blue—gold.*

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In a few days we shall again celebrate the festival of the Resurrection and I am hoping that every Leaguer will share its joy in the fullest degree.

They tell us that Whitsunday is the birthday of the Church. At times I feel that Easter Day should be considered the birthday of the Church, for it is this day which gives the Church the right to live. "For," says the Apostle, "if Christ be not risen from the dead, our teaching is vain and your faith is also vain."

There have been differences in the Church as to the birth of Christ and as to His Atonement, but never as to His Resurrection, for the rock ribbed testimony of the open tomb defies speculation and defies doubt.

I have stood at the brink of the open grave and beheld lowered into its yawning depths all that was near and dear to me in the world, and it was a tragic moment. Yes, in that moment, there came up to me from those yawning depths those words of triumph, "Oh, grave, where is thy victory? Oh, death where is thy sting? For the sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The old philosopher said: "Surely I shall live again." The economist said: "There is no after life, for Nature abhors waste." The Christian says: "I know that my Redeemer liveth and because He lives, I, too, shall live."

The message on that first Easter morning was "He is risen—go and tell." Luther Leaguers, this means you.

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES.

P. S.—The statement in the issue of the *Lutheran* of March 6th relative to the children, the Women's Missionary Society and the Luther League was a misstatement. It was an expression of opinion and not an action of the Executive Board. It has since been corrected.

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THE CUSTOMS OF EASTER

Easter is a movable festival that is celebrated throughout the Christian World in memory of the Resurrection of Christ. The word Easter is derived from the Anglo-Saxon Eastre, or Eoster, and the German Ostern.

In ancient times the Eastre feast was in honor of the goddess of Spring, and a whole month was set aside for the festivities. Socrates attributed the introduction of the festival into religion to the perpetuation of an old usage.

The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 68, at which time there was much contention between the Eastern and Western churches as to which day the festival should be observed. Finally it was ordained at the Council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout Christendom on the same day. It was decided that Easter should be kept upon the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put to an end with the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon. This was adopted in England in 669. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English Church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian Calendar in 1582. The difference was not settled until 1752 when a rule was adopted designating Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon which happens on or next after the twenty-first day of March. When the full moon comes on a Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday.

Pretty customs that have obtained in recent years are the decoration of churches on Easter Sunday and the sending of gifts of flowers to one's friends, to invalids, and to hospitals. It also has become quite customary to send gifts at this season.

Of all the customs of Easter, that of giving presents of eggs is the most ancient and perhaps the most delightful, as well as uni-

versal. It seems that eggs always have been associated with Easter. The Jews believe them to be emblematic of the Passover; the Egyptians held them as emblematic of the renewal of the human race after the deluge, and to the Christians they were symbolic of the Resurrection. In the olden days, clergymen and laymen alike made merry with brilliantly colored hard-boiled eggs in tossing and catching games. Nowadays the eggs of Easter, which have pretty much evolved into gay candy affairs, are virtually monopolized by the children. However, eggs at Easter doubtless will prevail as long as time.

THE REVIVAL OF BIBLE STUDY

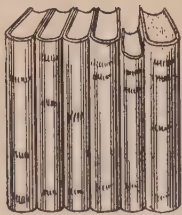
Our forefathers were noted as a race of Bible students. How difficult was their path to Bible mastery. By the light of a tallow dip or the uncertain flare cast by the open fire, they followed with sedulous attention the words of Holy Writ. All they could obtain were bulky volumes which represented in cost a month of hard labor in the fields. Their Bibles were nearly all without references and none had the illuminating helps now so frequently found in Bibles.

All this is changed to-day. Now the mechanic for an amount representing one day's work can purchase a beautiful Oxford India paper Bible. Its large, clear, self-pronouncing type is easily read under the bright electric light in his home. The 50,000 centre column references and the wonderful Oxford Teacher's Helps reveal Scripture knowledge possessed only by the very few profound students of his forefather's time.

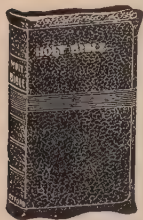
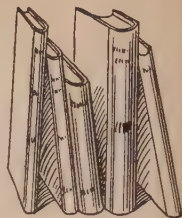
Suppose one of our Bible loving forebears could have secured a Reference Bible? How gladly would he have journeyed far for it and have paid a good round sum. How the entire countryside would have flocked to see this marvel. A Bible, crowded with the concentrated information of a library of books, and all the helps right on the very pages where they are needed.

With all these advantages, do we to-day

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Educational Department



DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE READING.

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

THE PRAYER AFTER THE READING.

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

READING THE BOOKS OF THE LAW DURING THE YEAR

Tuesday April 1. The Call of Moses. Ex. 3:1-22.

Wednesday, April 2. Moses Decides to Return to Israel. Ex. 4:1-17.

Thursday, April 3. Moses Leaves Jethro. Ex. 4:18-31.

Friday, April 4. Moses and Aaron Meet Pharaoh. Ex. 5:1-9.

Saturday, April 5. Israelites' Task Increased. Ex. 5:10-23.

Sunday, April 6. God Renews His Promise. Ex. 6:1-15.

Monday, April 7. The Sons of Levi. Ex. 6:16-30.

Tuesday, April 8. Pharaoh's Heart Hardened. Ex. 7:1-25.

Wednesday, April 9. The Plagues. Ex. 8:1-19.

Thursday, April 10. The Plagues. Ex. 8:20-32.

Friday, April 11. The Plagues. Ex. 9:1-21.

Saturday, April 12. The Plagues. Ex. 9:22-35.

Sunday, April 13. The Plagues. Ex. 10:1-15.

Monday, April 14. The Plagues. Ex. 10:16-29.

Tuesday, April 15. Plans for Departure. Ex. 11:1-10.

Wednesday, April 16. The Passover Instituted. Ex. 12:1-28.

Thursday, April 17. The Israelites Drive from the Land. Ex. 12:29-51.

Friday, April 18. Firstborn Sanctified to God. Ex. 13:1-13.

Saturday, April 19. God Guides Them. Ex. 13:14-22.

Sunday, April 20. The Israelites Murder. Ex. 14:1-14.

Monday, April 21. They Pass Through the Red Sea. Ex. 14:15-31.

Tuesday, April 22. Moses' Song. Ex. 15:1-19.

Wednesday, April 23. The Bitter Waters of Marah. Ex. 15:20-27.

Thursday, April 24. Quails and Manna Are Sent. Ex. 16:1-21.

Friday, April 25. Manna and the Sabbath. Ex. 16:22-36.

Saturday, April 26. Amalek is Overcome. Ex. 17:1-16.

Sunday, April 27. Jethro Brings Moses' Family. Ex. 18:1-12.

Monday, April 28. Jethro's Counsel Accepted. Ex. 18:13-27.

Tuesday, April 29. They Arrive at Sinai. Ex. 19:1-13.

Wednesday, April 30. The Presence of God on the Mount. Ex. 19:14-25.

TOPICS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 4, 1924.

IN HIS STEPS: 5. HOW JESUS
OVERCAME TEMPTATION

Luke 4:1-13.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Gen. 3:1-8.
 Tuesday—Psalm 119.
 Wednesday—John 17
 Thursday—Matt. 26:36-46.
 Friday—Ephesians 6:10-18.
 Saturday—James 1:12-27.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

A PROGRAM.

1. Hymn—"My Soul Be on Thy Guard."
Matt. 4:1-11.
2. Scripture Lesson—Jesus Tempted.
3. Prayer by Leader.
4. From Memory—Sixth Petition and
Meaning of Lord's Prayer.
5. Story—The Fall of Adam and Eve.
(From Gen.)
6. Talk—The Vulnerable Point.
7. Solo, Gospel Hymn—"Yield Not to
Temptation."
8. Talk — Outstanding Temptation of
Young People.
9. Story — Resisting Temptation: The
Man Who Was Not Afraid to Pray. Dan. 6.
10. Discussion — How Jesus Overcame
Temptation. Led by Leader.
11. Roll Call—Offering.
12. Lord's Prayer.

TOPIC.

Temptation is common to all. The high and the low feel its influence upon their lives. Humanity with one exception has yielded to the enticements of the devil. All human hearts are tainted with sin. It is sinful to yield to temptation. Christ was tempted as all mankind is. He did not submit to its allurements, therefore He did not sin.

Life is one long struggle to keep from following the lead of Satan and his associates. It is necessary to be constantly on guard for the attractiveness of his offers and the beauty of his promises would fool the Son of God Himself if He were not wise to the devil and his art. The powers of darkness are ever on the alert to direct the desires of mankind into forbidden pathways which end in destruction. A pleasant pleasure does not always end with the same joy. The happiness promised by those in league with Satan is short lived.

The first Adam fell when tempted. The second Adam, which is Christ, was conqueror. Christ became man for our sakes. He permitted Himself to face the wiles and inducements of the devil in order that we might the better meet them. Satan made his advances upon the Son of Man as he does on other men, but Christ could not

be led away from His principles of righteousness, truth and justice. Since the temptations of the world were overcome by the Saviour He permits us to appropriate His victory.

If Christ had yielded to the enticements of His arch enemy He would be of no service to us. Fallen man needed someone to live in his stead. The Godhead determined that the Son should come to the earth, become man and live the life of perfect obedience in order that the world might be redeemed. The life of the perfect man would pay the price of sin. Christ fulfilled the plan of God. The world is free only through Him. And the glory of the human race is not in man himself but in the God-Man, Christ Jesus, who, being tempted, did not commit one act of sin.

As the Saviour was winning the victory over the world, the flesh and the devil, He was living the perfect life. He is the human ideal. Since Christ is the example as well as the righteousness itself, is it not wise that mankind should follow in His steps? If He knew how to face the crafty designs of the wicked one and be victorious, His example ought to be followed.

The absolute confidence in His Father in heaven made His battles all on the offensive rather than the defensive side. The world prior to Christ's coming fought a defensive warfare. With the Saviour it was changed. Today the Christian's battle is a victorious one.

God's word was and is always the sword of the Spirit. Christ used it. We have the same privilege. God and His forces are the Christian's but for the asking. The method of asking is through the name of Christ. Man is following in the steps of the Saviour if he will place his confidence in God the Father and His Word.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 11, 1924.

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE HOME

Ephesians 6:1-4; Luke 2:49-52.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—1 Peter 2:18-25.
 Tuesday—1 Peter 3:1-6.
 Wednesday—1 Peter 3:7.
 Thursday—1 Peter 3:8-12.
 Friday—Colossians 3:12; 4:5.
 Saturday—Galatians 5:16-25.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

The home is the vital unit of civilization. Stories and illustrations concerning the Christian home are plentiful. Since this is Mother's Day her place in the home can be a phase of the program. Do not leave out the places of father, brother and sister in the home.

Have a concrete demonstration of family worship. You may use the suggestions or

plans in the *Lutheran* for that day. Let the family prayer be a part of a little one act play if you desire to work it out in that manner.

Have the League to take the census of the congregation to see how many homes return thanks at the table and have family prayer.

Such subjects are suitable for discussion: "Modern Civilization and Its Effect on the Home;" "Religious Study in the Home;" "The Responsibility of the Home."

TOPIC.

Home is the dearest place on earth. It may be in a palace or a hut. Love is the determining quality and not the building or furnishings. Home is where mother lives and we can always find a sympathetic friend. All the world may be against us but still we know there are hearts bleeding for us within the bounds of home. There are always arms to receive us, however much our lives are tainted.

Under the roof with father, mother, brother and sister is the first school of love, religion, work and manners. There is where we learn to take our first steps in the religious, mental and physical worlds. These first impressions last longest. What we have learned there will determine to a great degree our future. We get our bearings of life from these early years. We look out into the big world about us and receive our instructions how to meet the changing scenes of life. The school of experience begins with one hand in mother's or father's. Our response to the expressions of fellowship in that haven of love will speak of our relationship in later years to the outer world. The importance of gaining the right understanding of the problems of the world before entering into its floods of work, pleasures, etc., is learned often too late. The principles of life were begun as a child in the shelter of the home.

The man or woman is real in the home. The boy or girl is natural under his or her own roof. Often there are expressions of unnaturalness away from mother and father. The sheltered walls of home permit the revelation of the real character of the individual. The treatment that mother and father received when they grow old is a determining quality in a Christian character. The spirit of forgiveness between brothers and sisters speaks of their early training. Congeniality among members of the same family shows that Christ is a partner there.

The thoughtfulness of the boy and the helpfulness of the girl are not traits born of themselves. There is a reason for all the expressions of love in the life of the individual. The example of mother love is a power in itself. But if there is a religious

atmosphere in the home life the world has a different meaning. When God is made a partner in the family circle relationships are more sincere. The world needs men and women who have come from homes where Christ is known and trusted for they are forces for good in the whirl of business and commerce.

One peep into a family group settles many future questions concerning the next generation. Those who have become interested in the welfare of the Church and State will be among those who continue the great avenues of service these great institutions are rendering for the world. Those who have had no religious training can not be expected to express in their lives any of the fundamental religious principles. God's love will not flow from a life that has had no contact with the Saviour. Kindnesses, love, truth and justice are qualities that come with cultivation from early years. These years are usually spent in the home. Therefore Christian training in the home is an essential.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 18, 1924.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ephesians 4:1-16.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—1 Cor. 12.
Tuesday—1 Cor. 13.
Wednesday—1 Cor. 14.
Thursday—Acts 7:20-37.
Friday—Daniel 1:1-21.
Saturday—Acts 22:1-22.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Are members of your Leagues familiar with Lutheran Colleges or Schools of your State? Have the list of Lutheran Colleges and Seminaries from the United Lutheran Church Year Book read as a part of the program for the day. Permit those present to tell all they know about the different institutions. At this time have representatives from local Church schools to present the merits of their school to the League. Have those who are planning to attend college next fall to tell where they are going and why they have made the choice.

Is your League keeping in touch with former members who are away at school? Is the local League planning to give those returning a reception or some sort of recognition? Determine how best to interest those returning for the summer.

Stories for this meeting should consist of college life and study. An athletic story will be appropriate.

Discuss the query, "The Luther League is the most important link of the college student to his home Church."

TOPIC.

The League has a distinct mission in the Church. It is the duty of its members to find out what that mission is. If the League has no distinct purpose it has no reason to exist. There is one great work for the young people of the Church. They are to prepare themselves for larger fields of service under the direction of the Church leadership. The day is coming when the reins of the congregation will be in the hands of the young people of today. If the local League does its work now the leaders need have no fear for the future of the Church.

The social part of the League is an asset but it is secondary. There are many other fields in life where men and women can develop socially, but there is only one place that centers on truth, honesty, justice and the like. The Church must preserve its integrity. This can be done by having all the organizations of the congregation centering on the principle of learning how to spread and spreading the good news of Christianity.

The League.—Above has been designated the general avenue in which the work of the young people should be centered. This great field is broken up into smaller parts as it is carried on locally. It divides itself up into divisions that are adaptable to the individual congregational need. This condition will differ with the many organizations of the Church. What is demanded at one place will not be a part of the activities at another.

A League that is blessed with wise leadership is fortunate. The man or woman who can find the right time to put over a certain kind of message to the young people is the one to keep in supervision of the organization. Not only does the message change for different localities but also the different periods of the year call for a new presentation of facts.

The College Student.—Many of the members of the League are in schools of some kind. Most of the young peoples' organizations have several of its number in college away from home. These young men and women took an active part in the affairs of the local League when they were at home. They will be returning home soon again. Their training and experience of the past year will be a great help in furthering the success of the local plans. This interest must be gotten as soon as they reach the place.

The League is the vital link to the local Church for those coming back from school. Perhaps they have been members of a similar organization while away. That will make them the more valuable. It is the duty of those at home to enlist their serv-

ices. The educational opportunities of today are the binding cords of all young people. Make them effective in the League at this time of the year and hold all the young people for the Christian Church.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 25, 1924.

THE CHILD AND AMERICA'S
FUTURE

(Missionary)

Deut. 11:18-21.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday.
Tuesday.
Wednesday.
Thursday.
Friday.
Saturday.

A Sunday School teacher once asked his class of boys who would be the doctors of "tomorrow," and they answered, "We boys." And "Who will be the preachers, farmers, merchants and fathers of tomorrow?" "We boys." "Who will be the drunkards of tomorrow?" "We boys, if there are any." This old story is eternally true. "The child is father of the man." Every congregation's future is practically written in the Primary Department of the Sunday School. America's future lies in the hands of the children of today. Some president is now a baby.

In properly appreciating children, we appreciate all life. Appreciation of life is at the bottom of morality. It is a lack of the proper respect for humanity and human nature that is one of the fundamental weaknesses of the criminal and the crook. Let us see more in life by appreciating the sacredness of childhood.

Christianity, by its very nature, appeals to children. Everything has been different since Christ was born as a child. He consecrated childhood.

Little children can become little Christians. Who can know the day when a child is really accountable? "Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." There are some folks who think a child cannot have "faith." The following stories are true to the writer's knowledge and he submits them as evidence that very small children can have some very real ideas about Christ.

A boy under five years old was traveling with his father on a Pullman sleeping car. He was ready to go to bed. He was used to kneeling by his little bed at home to say his prayer. The section of the car next to his berth was not "made up." Four men were playing cards and saying some bad things which he couldn't understand but which made him know that something was

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Intermediate

Department



REGISTERED INTERMEDIATE LEAGUES TO DATE

1. Girls' Intermediate Luther League, House of Prayer, Woodlawn, Pa.
2. Boys' Intermediate Luther League, House of Prayer, Woodlawn, Pa.
3. Girls' Intermediate Luther League, Grace Church, N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Intermediate Luther League, St. John's Church, Boyertown, Pa.
5. First Intermediate Luther League, First Church, Findlay, Ohio.
6. Girls' Intermediate League, Church of the Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.
7. Intermediate Luther League, Grace Church, Springfield, Illinois.
8. Intermediate Luther League, Christ Church, York, Pa.
9. Intermediate Luther League, Church of the Advent, New York City, N. Y.
10. Intermediate Girls' League, Church of the Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.

IS YOUR INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE REGISTERED?

We want a complete registration of all the Intermediate Leagues.

TOPICS

May 4, 1924.

MISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE WEST

Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D.

Scripture Lesson—Mark 1:37-38.

The Territory.—"Middle West" is a rather vague term. To men in the East it may mean Ohio and Indiana. To Ohio and Indiana people it may mean the Mississippi Valley. In this topic we will include under "Middle West" that great Empire stretching from Ohio to the Rockies and from the Canadian boundary line to the South Central States. Take your map of the United States and outline Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and you will have before your eye the states which comprise this great territory with its unlimited missionary opportunities.

Thirty-five million people, or one-third of the population of the United States, call this Middle West their home. On this territory a revolutionary change is taking place.

A few years ago, we thought of these states as the great granary of America, now, as the march of industry westward takes its course, it is rapidly becoming an industrial empire. Great industrial cities are taking the place of the country towns and crossing roads villages of a generation ago. Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha and scores of cities of lesser size are growing by leaps and bounds. Many of these cities the Lutheran population is larger than that of any other Protestant denomination and in a few it may equal that of all Protestant denominations combined.

The U. L. C. Force.—The United Lutheran Church has ten synods on this territory. These synods have 672 pastors, 773 congregations and 146,940 confirmed members. The Board of Home Missions has 7 Synodal Superintendents, 8 Field Missionaries and 130 mission pastors at work. During the past year new missions, at the rate of two each month, have been organized.

A Few Examples.—On the West Side of Chicago, in a growing suburban community a mission was established in September, 1920. At the first Sunday School session there were 90 present. Today, a building which accommodates from six to seven hundred is too small for the growing congregation.

At Davenport, Iowa, St. Mark's Mission was organized in 1921; a building with a seating capacity of 300 was dedicated in 1922, a year later a growing church and Sunday School filled every available nook and now with a Sunday School of 400 and more, a new building is an absolute necessity.

In a fine residence section of Detroit, a Field Missionary gathered together the Lutheran people in an old roadhouse. A mission was organized in November of 1923 and two months later there were 50 members and 125 Sunday School scholars enrolled.

The same story could be repeated in hundreds of communities. The opportunities are here. The fields are white unto harvest. We need more men and more money. Pre-

the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard.

See the Field.—Draw on blackboard the portion of the United States map referred to in this article. Locate on the map all the places mentioned. Take the article section by section and have an Intermediate review each one.



May 11, 1924.

THE CHIEF SERVICE—ITS MEANING

Rev. Wilfried Tappert.

(This meeting should be followed from the Church Hymnal.)

Open your Common Service Books to The Service.

It is a form of worship.

Worship consists of two parts, receiving from God, and giving to God.

These parts are represented in our service.

The first is called sacramental, the other sacrificial.

Briefly distinguish between these two parts in the various paragraphs of service.

Why is it good to have a form of worship? (1 Cor. 14, 16-33 and 40.) The original worship of the early church followed the lines laid down by the temple worship, the synagogue ritual, and the rites of the Greek mysteries. It developed through the Roman Church, and the Eastern Church. The Lutheran Church has retained the good in the Roman development, discarded the evil, restored the lost. The Anglican form at first followed Lutheran lines, introduced some Eastern features, and then struck out independently. The Calvinistic churches theoretically denounce every form in worship.

The chief service is divided into three parts.

Its heading: "In the Name, etc.," applies to all three.

The first is the Preparation (1 John 1, 9 and 10). It developed from the preparation of the priests. (John 9, 31.) Repeat Luther's explanation of the fifth petition.

The second part called the Office of the Word begins with the Introit. It is divided into Psalmody, the Word, and the Offerings.

The Introit gives the key-note for the day; it was sung while the priests marched in. In Christian usage every psalm word is followed by the "Glory be to the Father" to give it a Christian interpretation.

For the Kyrie (from the Greek New Testament, meaning "Lord") and the Gloria in Excelsis, see Luke 18. 35 ff. The Gloria is one of the oldest Greek hymns. The Salutation begins the next division, and introduces the collect, a short seasonal prayer. Read a few, and recommend these for private devotions.

The Epistle (letter) lesson, corresponding to the Law of the Synagogue, is followed by the Hallelujah (at first spontaneous), by the sentence, or gradual. The Gospel lesson, the summit of this part, corresponding to the Prophet selection of the Synagogue follows; the congregation rises, honoring the Saviour. The Creed (Matt. 16, 15 and 16; 2 Tim. 1:13) follows. The sermon with the votum (Phil. 4, 7) closes this part.

The third part consists of the offerings. Review O. T. sacrifices Christ is our only sin offering; our sacrifices are eucharistic, consisting of hymns, prayers, and gifts.

The Offertory begins this part (Ps. 51). Then the gifts are brought to the altar (distinguished between dues and offerings). The General Prayer follows (1 Tim. 2:1-3). A Hymn closes the office of the Word.

The Office of the Sacrament begins at this point. It divides into Preface, Administration (beginning with the Lord's Prayer) and the Post Communion (beginning with the Nunc Dimitis). Question with regard to the sources of the parts, and compare with the usages of other churches.

Resolution.—Let every Intermediate henceforth plan to take a full part in the service of worship. Be on the lookout to aid the stranger in following the service.



May 18, 1924.

THE SOCIAL PROGRAM—OUR CHOICES

Rev. Charles M. Teufel.

Open Meeting with Hymn—"Joy to the World the Lord is Come."

Rise at last stanza—Turn to Psalm 16—Read it in concert. Repeat last stanza.

Having previously asked several Intermediates to prepare prayers for reading, call for these to be read.

Scripture lessons read—John 15:11 and Gal. 6:9-10.

Hymn—"Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts."

Call attention to subjects printed on black-board,

"THE SOCIAL PROGRAM—OUR CHOICES."

Looking at the Scripture Passages.

The two Scripture passages John 15:11 and Gal. 6:9-10 seem to have no connection with one another. However we believe they do.

Should a Christian be a happy person? Ask Jesus for His answer in John 15:11. In this statement Jesus speaks of joy. The word joy and the feeling of joy is more wonderful than even the word happy and the thought of happiness. It means more than just having a good time. It seems to be peace, plus happiness, plus smiling, plus buoyancy. Someone has noted that the

Bible never speaks of Jesus smiling. He whose inner spirit was the spirit of joy must have shown it on His face. If Jesus did not smile it was because He carried on His face a look that at times was so bright and attractive that a smile could not express His soul.

What gave Him the joy He wanted others to have? We think in *part* we have an answer in Mark 10:45 which reads "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." Jesus found serving others was a way of giving the joy of His life as a help to others. Likely in turn this gave Him joy.

As we link these two verses John 15:11 and Mark 10:45 together we see a reason for linking John 15:11 and Gal. 6:9-10 together. We, too, are to unite joy and service together. Gal. 6:9-10 tells us not to grow tired in doing good to others. Those others may include everybody but especially those of our own church.

This brings us to the plan our Intermediate Luther League has adopted for making Intermediates joyous servants of their Lord.

The Social Department.—(Have in the meeting a copy of the Merit System.)

The Intermediate is a sociable being—that is one useful as a joy-giver and a joy-maker. Also the Intermediate is a social being—that is one useful to others in need. In our Social Department these two ideas are brought out.

THE COMMON ITEMS.

(Have the items common to all ranks read aloud.)

It is seen that by following out these items the Intermediate will be a blessing to the home, to the unfortunate through a gift, to the unfortunate in person, and also to the stranger as one friendly. Throughout the entire Intermediate League life it is important to continue as blessings in these directions.

For a moment—ask how well the Intermediates are doing in these directions?

THE ITEMS SPECIAL TO EACH RANK.

(In reviewing the items special to the Red Rank have someone trying for the Red Rank pin to read the next paragraph.)

Red Rank specials take us in rendering service into the community, into the Home, as a Sunday School helper, as doing some tasks in the Church. (Read what the items are in one or two of these directions.) Then as a joy-giver there is something required in a social gathering. What is it?

(In reviewing the items special to the White and Blue Ranks have someone trying

for the pins of these ranks to read or tell the paragraphs following.)

White Rank specials take us, also, into the Community, into the Home, and into the Church. (Show in what a different sense from the Red Rank.) New ideas specials for the White Rank are to learn about institutions, practice comradeship, give some attention to etiquette, and to be a League booster. (See in what way.)

In a sociable sense note the requester's way.

Blue Rank specials still cling to the Home, the Community, and the Church. In each sphere, however, in a way different from the earlier ranks. Note this difference. The Intermediate is learning to go ahead in service work. One new thought seeks to make of the Intermediate a producer. (Find the item.) As a joy-maker an advanced step is assigned.

(In reviewing the items leading to the Gold Rank have someone seeking this Rank to tell in own words the next paragraph.)

The items of this Department for the Gold Rank seek to encourage the Intermediate to be a planner, or a director, or an instructor. The places of activity are still in the community, the Home, the School, public or Sunday School, in the League and Church. Relate some of the items in order to see the Gold Rank seeker as a planner, or a director, or an instructor. The same thought is present in the sociability acts.

OUR CHOICES.

We have reviewed the items, both the ones common to all ranks, and those special to each rank. As to the common rank choices are allowed. All are required. In the specials, though, each as a starter can choose one item. As the fields of action are so varied, interesting, and useful, all should try to master as many as possible.

(If Merit System is in use, ask several Intermediates, Blue and Gold Rank seekers especially as to their experiences.)

A BIBLE EXERCISE IN VIEW OF TOPIC.

Read Luke 7:36. Did Jesus enjoy Him?

Read John 12:2-3. Was Jesus glad of this occasion?

Ask Intermediates to suggest some acts of service Jesus performed.

Locate same in the Bible. Where were these performed?

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEF REVIEW.

Offering with a special use in mind.

Hymn—The Luther League Rally Hymn. Closing Prayer, for Joyous Lives in Service and Play and for the Intermediate Merit System.

Lord's Prayer.

May 25, 1924.

MUSIC IN OUR LIVES

Psalm 150.

Rev. L. W. Rupp.

HINTS TO LEADERS.

Not less than six weeks before time for this topic, buy the pamphlet "Twenty-Five Hymns with Art Picture Illustrations," by Marion Faye Stickney (Century Company, 1922, twenty-five cents). Buy the pictures needed to illustrate "The King of Love My Shepherd Is;" "I Think When I read that Sweet Story of Old;" "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us;" and "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." Mount these pictures on good exhibition paper. As the hymns are sung, the proper pictures for lines or stanzas are displayed, and the set for each hymn mounted as an exhibit. A portion of this exhibit may be used to announce the meeting, or to exhibit Intermediate work to the congregation.

If you have an Intermediate orchestra, use it, being sure that the selections are of good quality.

If you have a good pipe organ, a fine feature would be a short organ recital at the beginning of the meeting by the church organist, with an explanation of the music used.

Leaders could also tell the stories of hymns and tunes used in the program. Use "The Story of the Hymns and Tunes," by Brown and Butterworth.

The leader should do some private study, such as Lesson IV in "Training the Devotional Life," by Weigle and Tweedy, or "Musical Ministries," by W. S. Pratt.

PROGRAM.

Working of above hints into a program at discretion of leader. Give opportunity for the Intermediates to discuss the topic.

Use the *Common Service Book*, and have selections from some of the responses sung as part of the devotional service. (Only one hymn of above list, the new patriotic number, is not in the "Hymnal.")

If your Intermediates have had good musical training, let them choose a hymn; if not accustomed to good hymn selections do not give this opportunity.

THE TOPIC.

A great poet said:

"The man that hath no music in himself,
And is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,

Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils."

What poet was this? Did he have the right to make the statement? Do you agree? What reasons have you?

Music in the Bible.—The Bible is full of music. The homes of the people, the temples, the festivals, were filled with singing

and with playing. The Psalms are a collection of hymns. Jesus used music, and when He went out to the Garden of Gethsemane He sang a hymn. Saint Paul said: "Let the word of Christ dwell richly in you in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."

What musical instruments were used in the Bible? Were they like instruments we know? Were you given one of them, could you play it? What was a Bible orchestra like, like one of our orchestras, or a brass band, or something else?

How many singers were used in the temple at Jerusalem? What kinds of instruments? What songs? What services?

(See the Bible itself by studying the concordance. Or look up a Bible Dictionary.)

The Church and Music.—Up until a hundred years ago the best musicians worked in the Church. Sacred music received the greatest attention. The kinds of music that we know now were all developed by musicians in the Church. The organ was invented for church use. The opera, the symphony, and all the musical terms you see in the papers, really go back to church musicians.

Did Martin Luther's music help him? Tell the story of Luther the musician.

John Sebastian Bach is called "the founder of modern music." Is it true that he was a Lutheran church organist? Tell something about him and what he did.

Have you ever heard "The Messiah" sung? Tell about it, who wrote it, and what the subject it.

What is the St. Olaf Choir? What kind of music does this choir sing on its concert tours?

(Do you know a good music teacher who could tell your League just what church musicians have done for the whole field of music?)

Music and Life.—"Music is a power. Scientists have found that major chords tend to accelerate and stimulate the heart, and that the opposite effects are produced by minor melodies. Music may excite or soothe nerves, awaken and express emotions, empower ideas. In many illnesses, mental and physical, it has been found to possess therapeutic value."

Do you understand this paragraph? Explain it.

In the World War singing leaders went around the country and held great community singing rallies. Books were put out for this work. Why was this done?

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Junior Department

DEAR JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS:

This month our thoughts centre about Easter, and we trust you are planning to make this the happiest, best and brightest season of the year in your Junior League.

In the March REVIEW, under the Topic for Easter Sunday were given some hints for programs, etc., for the day. Refer to this and plan for the carrying out of these suggestions.

Write and tell us how you observed Easter in your Junior League. Let us also know about your Japan Junior Class and about the way you are using the Junior Reading Course. Let us also have accounts of some of your best meetings. Your plans will help some other leader.

May Easter be a time of joy and happiness to all the Juniors and their leaders.

Yours-in-the-work,

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

JUNIOR NEWS ITEMS.

St. John's, Newmanstown, Pa., Junior League gave a demonstration of a Junior meeting at the Berks District convention on March 13.

This Junior League, one year old, numbers 60 members. The Senior organization has 50. Look out! Seniors!

Holy Trinity, Muncie, Indiana has an interesting Junior League of twenty-five members.

St. John's, Elwood, Indiana, has a Junior League of twenty-five.

Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh Junior League has a paper all their own called *The Gleaner*.

They have pledged themselves to help the pastor in whatever way they can.

They gave a special offering of \$38.63 to the Zelenople Orphans' Home and provided a special Christmas treat for the children there, giving a gift to each child.

They pledged ten dollars to European Relief and their offering when complete amounted to \$19.50.

They regularly send Junior delegates to the District convention, and their officers visit nearby Junior Leagues, and not only speak in those meetings, but bring back reports to their own League.

The missionary offering during January

was devoted to the work of the Japanese kindergartens.

A Junior choir has been organized among the members, and all Juniors playing instruments are providing special features in the programs.

A Christmas cantata was rendered, and the Junior pageant, "Even These Little Ones" was presented.

A regular business meeting once a month is held, followed by a short social hour. In February a "Trip to Japan" was conducted.

These are the activities of one month of this busy Junior League, in addition to their regular weekly Sunday afternoon devotional meetings.

Who can beat this?

St. John's, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Junior Superintendent writes, "our meetings are increasing in attendance and interest. Some time ago we were much encouraged by a visit from Mr. Banker, President of the Luther League of America, who expressed himself as well pleased with the work we are doing."

Life Service in the Junior League? Yes, it begins there. This is what the Superintendent of the Junior League of the First Church, Greensburg, Pa., writes:

"One little eleven-year-old, whose uncle a Lutheran minister, told me last evening that he is to be the preacher in their family. I asked him if he liked to read missionary stories and he said yes, that was just what he liked most, and when I gave him a book of such stories he remarked that as he was to be a preacher anyway he might as well be reading missionary stories now.

Another one of my Juniors whom I had long ago back in my first Junior League group is now finishing his second year in the Seminary, and he has often told me that he received the inspiration back in the Junior League. Another of that same group is preparing to take up the work of a medical missionary."

Yes, Life Service begins in the Junior League.

A Junior League has been organized at *St. John's, Parkersburg, W. Va.*

THE JUNIOR TOPICS "INASMUCH STORIES" (HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS)

Missionary

May 4, 1924.

Matt. 25:40.

PROGRAM.

Opening Devotional Exercises.—First Commandment—See leaflet in packet—"Two Tables of Stone."

Bible Drill.—"Men and Women of the Bible"—see pamphlet "Bible Drills" in packet.

Memory Verse.—Matt. 25:40, learned by all Juniors.

Topic.—Some Homes That Are Helping Boys and Girls.

A Neighborhood House.

A Visit To An Orphan Home.

Some of Our Junior Leagues.

Prayer.—That the Juniors may appreciate their homes, that they may help those in the orphan homes, that they may help all those who need help.

Business.—Roll call—minutes—reports.

Closing.—Lord's Prayer, hymn, "Jesus, Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

THE TOPIC.

Some Homes that are Helping Boys and Girls.—Our Church is caring for the boys and girls whose only parent is the Heavenly Father, and in our Homes they are given a home and Christian training. Here are the stories of some of the Orphan Homes of our United Lutheran Church:

Tressler Home, Loysville, Pa.—Two hundred and eighty children are found here. The boys and girls are taught to work—house work and farm work. A Boys' Band is one of the things that makes this Home known all through Pennsylvania. Chapel services, Sunday School, and catechetical classes are regularly held.

Lutheran Home, Salem, Va.—One hundred and six children are cared for here. There are three schools. Some of the boys are now in college, some have completed high school. Some of the girls will become nurses.

Lutheran Orphan Home, Topton, Pa.—There are one hundred and fifty children here. There are well furnished buildings. A Baby Home with a lot of cunning babies. And a throng of happy boys and girls.

Nachusa Orphanage, Nachusa, Ill.—Thirty-five boys and girls are at home here. Religious training is a big thing here. Bible history, Bible stories, missions, all are taught. New buildings are needed.

Osterlein Orphans' Home, Springfield, O.—There are forty-two children here, and more room is needed so that more can be taken care of.

Zelienople Farm School.—This is one of our oldest orphanages. There are 143 children. Four hundred acres of ground surround the home. A new hospital has been erected.

Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.—One hundred and sixty-five boys and girls live here. A Baby Home takes care of the tiniest infants. A modern dispensary and a new hospital for contagious diseases is part of the plant. A kindergarten is conducted, and the older boys and girls attend public school.

Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebr.—There are thirty-nine boys and girls here. The need is for more property and help.

Some of our other homes caring for children in a special way are *Tabor Home for Children, Doylestown, Pa.*, the *Children's Receiving Home, Maywood, Ill.*, the *Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Pa.*, a home for crippled children, the *Epileptic Home, Rochester, Pa.*, and the *Bethesda Home, Meadville, Pa.*, which cares for friendless, delinquent, and defective children.

A Fairy Palace.—In other ways our Church is helping the children everywhere, for it knows that boys and girls will soon be men and women, and helping the boys and girls means helping the whole Church and the neighborhood and the country for many years to come.

Our Lutheran Settlement, in Philadelphia, seems like a Fairy Palace to the boys and girls of the neighborhood. From the dark, gloomy, dirty streets, and from cold, cheerless homes, they troop into the bright cheerful houses, learn and have good times, and to hear the story of our Heavenly Father. There are classes in sewing, cooking, drawing, carpentry, story hours, a Church and Sunday School, a Christian kindergarten, a Bible School in the summer, and many other things to make the children happy and help them grow up into better men and women.

A NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE.

Another Settlement House is our *Martin Luther Neighborhood House* in Philadelphia. Here in South Philadelphia little black-eyed Italian boys and girls are brought in and helped. There is a kindergarten, a library and a Sewing School. The children are taught hymns, prayers, Bible stories, memory verses. There is a library here, and a Daily Vacation School in the summer.

A Visit to An Orphan Home.—Once upon a time we visited an orphan home. We stayed two days, we liked it so well. There was a big family of boys and girls, about 150 in all, but somehow they did not make as much trouble as sometimes two children in one family can make. They were all

happy and contented. There was a group of big boys who were learning to be farmers, so that when they left the Home, they would be able to know how to work. The older girls were learning house-work. Everything was kept orderly and tidy in the kitchen and dining room. One of their tasks was to keep their rooms tidy and in order, too. Rows and rows of white beds were kept tidy and neat. The little girls were having just as good a time as little girls do anywhere.

And there was one building just full of little boys—three, four and five years old. One of our deaconesses was a mother to them, and how they loved her, and how she petted, played and worked with them. There were swings and games and books in plenty. Every day there was a chapel service. There was also school. And on Sunday everybody went in to town to Sunday School and Church. They also had a Junior League meeting.

And when we left we felt we had been with a group of busy, happy, boys and girls, who not only had a home, but were learning to grow as Jesus did, "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Some of Our Junior Leagues.—We have Junior Leagues in some of our Orphan Homes.

Topton Orphan Home has an interesting Junior League. The children take part in the program and the programs are varied with Bible drills, Bible stories enacted, the Church seasons and meaning of our Church festivals taught, and the Juniors serve as leaders.

Tressler Orphan Home has a Junior League. It meets every other Sunday night. The older children take part.

The Zelenople Orphan Home Junior League is a lively organization. The Juniors conduct their own meetings. Every member responds to roll call with verses of Scripture. And the Junior Topics are well prepared and presented.

The Martin Luther Neighborhood House has a Junior League. They are an enthusiastic group. They always carry off the banner for having the largest attendance at the Junior rallies in their district. They have study meetings and social meetings, and always help in the program of the Junior Rally of the District.

Can not our Junior Leagues adopt these Junior Leagues and work hand in hand with them?

WHAT TO DO.

Have your Juniors visit the nearest Home or Institution. Take them on a visit, and also plan to prepare gifts for them, or to entertain a group from the Home.

One Junior League had a "toy shower"

for one of our Orphan Homes last Christmas.

Another provided a Fourth of July treat, with a patriotic celebration and ice cream.

Many of the Junior Leagues are entertaining some of the children of the Homes at a party or social.

Some are providing books for their library.

One League entertained the Settlement Junior League at a picnic. There are many ways to help.

Get your Juniors interested personally in their little friends in the Home nearest you.

In line with each of the missionary topics, we suggest that each Junior League adopt a definite objective, or piece of work to be done, for the year.

In January the support of a kindergarten tot in Japan was suggested; in February, aid in our hospital work in India, in March, the support of a protegee in Africa. Here is another:

Assume some definite part in the work of the Orphan Home; have your Junior League contribute to the support of a child for so many days (find out from your nearest Home the cost), or pay for part of the furnishings of a room, or supply some piece of apparatus for the play-ground.

Adopt one of these as your special work for the year, and then have the Juniors work to carry it out.

May 11, 1924.

(Luther)

TRYING TO EARN FORGIVENESS— LUTHER IN THE MONASTERY

(The Topics on Luther—of which there are twelve during the year—are based on Mrs. Seebach's book "Martin of Mansfeld"—75 cents, which each leader should have. As the material is given in full there it is unnecessary to write out the complete topic here, but need only give suggestions.)

PROGRAM.

Hymn—One verse, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Roll Call—Answered by verses from Genesis. See leaflet in packet "Making Your Meetings Attractive," under Roll Call. Start the plan now of having the Juniors respond with verses from a different book of the Bible.

Devotional Period—Second Commandment. See leaflet in packet "Two Tablets of Stone." (It is well to emphasize as much Bible work as possible during the Luther lessons.)

Bible Drill—"Men and Women of the Bible." See leaflet "Bible Drills" (reviewed from last week).

Topic—The Story as found in Chapters 5 and 6 in "Martin of Mansfeld." The First Mass. Brother Martin.

Prayer—By a number of Juniors (superintendent suggests for what each one is to

pray), that Luther's pious spirit may be copied by the Juniors, that all may have the spirit to do right, as Luther did.

Hymn—"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word." (Start teaching this to the Juniors if they do not know it.)

Closing—Lord's Prayer.

THE TOPIC.

Have the Fifth Chapter told; either the superintendent should tell it as a story, or one of the older Juniors can give this, if it is previously assigned.

The Sixth Chapter should be acted out by the Juniors. Have the story told first by one of the Juniors, then have the requisite number of Junior boys enact it. With little effort this can be done, if the parts as spoken in the chapter are run off on a typewriter, and given to the children the week before, and these same Juniors come fifteen or twenty minutes before the opening of the Junior League and go over it quickly.

Monks' costumes can be very easily made of dark brown chintz.

WHAT TO DO.

Continue to make the Luther Book as suggested in the December REVIEW. Some Junior Leagues are making good progress on these.

Send one to this office when you have finished them.

The plan is: Have the Juniors collect all the Luther pictures available.

The Brown Picture Company, Beverly, Mass., have a good picture of Luther at one cent each.

The United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, have a set of Luther post cards which can be used.

Also utilize the pictures in the book, "Martin of Mansfeld."

Make the book of sheets of paper, black, red, white, blue and yellow (gold).

Put on an appropriate cover.

And on each page print some facts learned in the meeting concerning Luther and his work.

May 18, 1924.

GIDEON: THE BOY WHO OBEYED

Judges 7:9.

PROGRAM.

Hymn—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Exercise—The Christian Soldier's Armor.
Business—Roll call, minutes, offering.

Prayer—That the Juniors may be ready to obey the commands of the Lord; that they may be brave to follow the right.

Topic Study—Gideon: The Boy Who Obeyed. Gideon's call. Gideon asks for a sign. The command. Testing for true soldiers. The victory.

Discussion by Juniors—Superintendent takes charge and leads in talking over the topic.

Closing—Lord's Prayer.

EXERCISE: THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER'S ARMOR

(To be given by six Junior boys.)

1. The Girdle of Truth.

Let us resolve to speak the truth every day.

Let us be fair in our work at school.

Let us be true in our work in the Junior League.

2. The Sandals of Peace.

Let us have our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

Let us be willing to at all times work for Him, to be His messengers.

We can carry the Gospel.

We can take flowers, visit the shut-ins, help in sending the messengers of the Gospel to other lands.

3. The Shield of Faith.

The shield is a pretty important part of the soldier's armor. It protects him against the enemy's weapons.

Let us take our shield.

Our shield is Faith.

Let us believe in God and have faith in Him.

4. The Helmet of Salvation.

The helmet is another part of our armor that is needful.

In Junior League we learn about our Church and how Jesus died for us. We are prepared to join the Church.

In learning of Him and becoming His children, He gives us the great gift of Salvation.

5. The Sword of the Spirit.

The soldier fights with his sword; the rest of his armor protects him, but he fights with the sword.

So our Bible is our weapon.

Let us resolve to read it daily, study it, learn its stories, live it day by day.

How many of us read it every day.

Junior Leaguers should take this weapon with them and with it fight all the evils which come against them.

THE TOPIC.

Gideon's Call.—Our topic tells us about a soldier today. It is styled, Gideon: The Boy Who Obeyed.

It is really a young man about whom we will hear.

We have learned of little Samuel in the temple, and how he worked. We learned, too, of Daniel, the boy who was brave.

Now we will learn of a young man who obeyed.

Obedience is perhaps one of the hardest lessons boys and girls have to learn.

It is so hard just to obey!

First of all God called Gideon.

His people, the Jewish people, had forgotten God, and in punishment they were surrounded by enemies, heathen tribes.

Now they repented, and God needed a leader to help them put these enemies to flight.

Gideon was just a young boy in his father's house, but God selected him, and gave him a call—"Go and save Israel."

Gideon was ready—he obeyed.

Gideon Asks for a Sign.—Gideon was obedient, but he wanted a sign to know that the Lord would help him.

Therefore he asked for the Lord to show him that He would help him.

And He gave Gideon a sign.

A piece of fleece, or sheep-skin, was left on the floor all night. The next morning the ground all around the fleece was perfectly dry. But the fleece itself was so full of dew that Gideon wrung from it a whole bowlful of water.

The next night just the opposite happened. In the morning the fleece was perfectly dry. But the ground round about it was covered with dew.

Then Gideon knew that the Lord was ready to help him, and he was more willing than ever to obey.

The Command.—Then God gave Gideon a command. He told him to go ahead and put the enemy to flight.

"Arise, get thee down into the camp, for I have delivered it unto thee."

God often speaks just as directly to us.

This world is full of many enemies which we are to put to flight. There are many places in which the work of the Lord must be done.

As you grow a little older, the call will come to many Juniors to "go down into the camp"—that is, to go out into the world and do some work for the Lord.

Gideon was ready, again he obeyed.

Will all the Juniors obey when the call comes to them to go as missionaries, or become pastors, or deaconesses?

The Testing for True Soldiers.—Gideon needed only the best soldiers. So he sent back all who were timid and afraid.

Of thirty-two thousand, only ten thousand remained.

Still the Lord felt there were too many.

So He had Gideon send all the men down to the river to drink. And He told him to watch the way in which each drank.

All those who bowed down on their knees and drank the water Gideon was to send back.

And only those who only stopped long

enough to take up some water in their hands and then lapped it down like a dog, as they went along, were to go on into the fight.

It was those who had their thoughts more on what they were to do, their work, than on themselves.

This was a strange command, and it seemed rather odd to Gideon. But he obeyed again.

And only three hundred of the whole number were set apart to go into the battle.

The Victory.—Obedience always brings a victory. It did for Gideon.

At night when both the camps lay in darkness, Gideon gathered his men. Each took a trumpet, and a pitcher, in which there was a lighted torch or candle. They divided into three companies.

With Gideon at the head, they surrounded the camp of the enemy.

Then three hundred trumpets blew.

Three hundred pitchers were broken showing three hundred torches gleaming in the dark.

With the cry of "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon," they went forward. And the enemy was put to flight.

Just as obedience brought victory to Gideon, so it will to Juniors.

Obedying the commands of our earthly parents will bring us much joy and happiness here.

And obedience to the commands and orders of our Heavenly Father will bring us victory.

—♦—
May 25, 1924.

WORK AND PLAY

Ecc. 9:10; Zech. 8:5.

PROGRAM.

This is May time. Make this an outdoor meeting, if possible. Plan games for the close of the program.

If the meeting is held indoors, plan an excursion to the woods afterward.

Have a short program only, followed by a recreational period.

Hymn—"All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Prayer—For all who work, that our play may be of the right sort.

Memory verses—Ecc. 9:10, Zech. 8:5.

Topic Study—

Work—Presented by a Junior boy.

Play—Presented by a Junior girl.

Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment for games.

THE TOPIC.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

You have all heard that!

But "all play and no work, makes Jill a sad shirk" is just as true.

We all need some work to keep us well and happy.

If we did not work we would not enjoy our play.

If we did not work, we could not live, for an idle person would soon find nothing to live for.

There is much work for boys and girls to do.

Childhood days are first of all our play days, but they must not be so filled up with play that there is no time for real work. Our school work calls us first of all.

That is the business of our childhood days.

Then as Juniors we have work about the home.

There are many things we can do there. Tasks and errands should be cheerfully done.

In the Church, too, there is work for Juniors.

The Junior League needs us.

It needs our work there.

We must be ready to help in the programs.

We must be willing to do our part as officers when called upon.

The Sunday School and church needs us too.

We should be present there, attentive, eager to learn.

The whole Church needs its boys and girls.

It knows that as we learn to work, so it—the Church—will grow bigger and more rapidly in a few years—we will be the real workers then.

There are workers needed everywhere.

And shirkers are not wanted.

In a bee-hive those who will not work are thrown out by the busy family.

So in this world, a boy or girl who does not early learn that there is work to be done, becomes one of the world's wasters.

Let us early plan to do the work of the Church, when we grow older.

PLAY.

Play is the chief occupation of children. The happy hours of childhood pass quickly and we must make the most of them.

After our tasks at school and home are finished, fresh air and play and wholesome fun is the thing we should all have.

We should in all our fun and play remember to "play fair," however.

Cheating in games on the school yard is not fun.

Making sport of others, playing jokes on others who may not be dressed as well as we, or who do not have toys as nice as ours—is not fun.

Selfishness—and unwillingness to share

what we have—is not the right kind of play.

We should learn, too, to share our play and our good times with others.

Is there a new boy or girl in the neighborhood who as yet hasn't joined in our games, and who stands nearby, watching our fun?

Wouldn't a good Junior Leaguer ask him to join?

Is there a group of children somewhere who do not have as many good times as we do?

Wouldn't it be fine, if we, after we have had a social, could take the decorations, and some more refreshments, and go to these children, and play the same games we played, and give them a good time also?

This would be true play.

The Bible often speaks of play, and of joy and happiness.

And it is fine to think that Heaven will be full of boys and girls—playing.

This must be so—for the Bible says—and it is a picture we should like to think about:

"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls, playing on the streets thereof."

GAMES.

For the outdoor recreational period, play the old-time children's favorites—Farmer in the Dell, Mulberry Bush, Three Deep, Hide and Seek, Tag, Bean Bag, etc.

A LIVING SAVIOUR

In the Resurrection we have the proof that we have a living Saviour, who, though He suffered on the cross, did not stay in the grave, but is now seated at the Father's right hand, making intercession for us. Jesus on the cross! Jesus in the tomb! Yes, but there is another, Jesus on the throne! And this same Jesus will one day come again, not in humiliation, but with great power and glory. Then all who have received Him as their Saviour, and obeyed Him as their Master, will with Him be exalted to glory unspeakable.

In one of the gloomiest periods of the Reformation, Luther, depressed, retired to his own study. Even Melancthon thought he was beaten at last. He, shutting himself up in his own house, gave way to tears. At night he crept out in the darkness to find Luther. He found him in his study, before his writing-desk, in the dark. Luther did not notice his entrance, but, when Melancthon's voice aroused him, he called for lights. Then Melancthon saw written with chalk upon the table, "He lives, He lives!" That was Luther's comfort, bringing cheer into the darkness. Even so the living Christ is our joy and our comfort. "He lives, He Lives!"

LIFE SERVICE SPIRIT

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the young people of our community and church but we can also be of service to our respective ministers. They often have some kind of work the responsibility of which can be placed on the Luther League. It often happens that the Luther League is the only organization in the church which can do certain tasks because of the young people of which it is formed. Therefore by doing little services now and then we can easily create a spirit of life service.

REVIVAL OF BIBLE STUDY

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know our Bible as well as our forbears knew it? The Bible has been crowded out of the lives of many in this day of material marvels; but a better day is now beginning.

Bible sales during last year were larger than ever before. The Bible is being published in the newspaper in daily installments. People long absent from churches are opening their Bibles to study for themselves the matters regarding Christian truth now so widely debated.

Let us each one resolve to encourage this newly aroused interest. Let us provide each member of our family from the youngest to the oldest with a Bible of his own. Let us particularly devote our energies to interesting the children.

These are glorious but trying days all over the world. Many problems have arisen to vex mankind. In dealing with these problems let us remember the good words of General Robert E. Lee—"The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others, in my eyes, are of minor importance, and which in all my perplexities and distresses never failed to give me light and strength."

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

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very different from home. He didn't know whether to say his prayer or not. He looked at his father. He looked at the men. He looked down at the floor. He looked again at his father, then folded his hands and knelt by his berth and said that little prayer famous the world around—"Now I lay me down to sleep." I have my doubts if Phillips Brooks ever preached a more effective sermon. The men were touched and quietly retired. The car was touched. Who can measure that child's faith?

Little Jimmy was in a Church Kindergarten. The teacher didn't have enough crackers to go around the second time and so she said, "We will leave the rest in the box until next time." Jimmy said, "Why

don't you break them up like Christ used to do when he fed all those folks?"

Pete had a special friend in one of his neighbors, a lady who died last summer. He is a little fellow of about six and a half years. The next week after his friend's death he said to his mother, "Mamma, I'm going to throw a kiss to Jesus and He will give it to Mrs. Smith." Is your concept of Christ and heaven as real as Pete's?

Richard is three. His mother reads to her four children from the Bible every evening before going to bed. Not long ago Richard got sick during the night. The first thing he said was "Mamma, read to me the Bible. I'm sick."

In the children of today is written the future history of America. They must go to school. But school is not enough. They need moral strength in their growing lives. Christ alone can give this strength. "Come unto me."

LUTHER LEAGUE TOPICS

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Music and the Christian Life.—The life of a Christian lives have always been lived by people who knew how to use good music. Was Luther a good Christian?

All good Christians use music in their worship. The most helpful churches are those that have good singing by the congregation, and where the very best hymns are used. Of course the services are useful also.

People who wish to help the Church, and to do big things in the Church, have plenty of room by training themselves to sing in church choirs, by playing in church orchestras, and by insisting that only the best music be allowed in the Church.

Will good Christians allow bad music in their homes? Should Intermediate boys and girls be contented with anything but the best music both at home, in their meetings, and at Church?

Why was the "Common Service Book and Hymnal" prepared? How ought it to be used?

Can any boy or girl really grow up to the finest kind of manhood or womanhood without knowing something about good music?

Could you drop music out of your lives? *Conclusion.*—This topic is presented mainly in the form of leading questions. Intermediates are fully capable of working out some things for themselves. Reasonable answers to only a few of the questions will more than fill any class period.

However, an additional exercise, if material can be had, would be a catechism of the lives and work of the following contributors to the "Common Service Book."

League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

OUR NEW OFFICE SECRETARY



MISS EMILY SCHOLL

PENNSYLVANIA

YORK DISTRICT

The Annual Presidential and Workers' Conference of the York District Luther League was held in St. Matthew's Church on February 21. An elaborate banquet was enjoyed by the 165 Leaguers present, followed by an interesting program of music, readings, stunts, etc. Greetings were read from State officials of the League and prominent clergymen. The District President gave an "Outline of the Year's Activities." The objectives of the various committees, Executive, Extension, Inner Mission, Junior, Intermediate, Literature, and Social were presented by the respective chairmen.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, of Roanoke, Virginia, Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of America, who took as his subject "Sun Crowned Men," giving in a most forcible and earnest way an outline of some types of great men who have influenced all time.

The social room was elaborately decorated in the League colors for the occasion and much enthusiasm aroused for the work of the District.

A SUGGESTED STANDARD FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR 1924

by
York District Luther League.

1. An average attendance at meetings of at least 65 per cent. of enrolled members.
2. A net increase of members during the year of not less than 10 per cent.
3. Have at least the following officers present: President or Vice-President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, Treasurer.
4. Have at least one member present of the Devotional Committee prepared to take charge of meeting in absence of leader.
5. Meetings to begin on time and held all year round.
6. Meetings of officers and chairmen of committees held at least every three months to work out plans for your society.
7. Daily reading of the BIBLE. Prayer and tithing by each member.
8. Fifty per cent. of the members subscribers to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and *The Lutheran*.
9. Fifty per cent. of the members reading one half the books of the Luther League Reading Course and ten per cent. completing all the books.
10. Society represented at our Conferences, District, State and National Conventions. Statistics gathered and letters answered promptly.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Luther League of Trinity Church, Bangor, Pa., recently supplied the dormitories of the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary with the 1924 *Church Calendar*. The students of the Seminary gratefully acknowledge this gift and commend the League in its good work.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK DISTRICT

The Winter Convention of the New York District League was held in St. Thomas Church on Saturday, February 16.

At the afternoon session the reports of officers and committees were heard and routine business transacted, followed by an address, "Is Utica Worth the Price?" by Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the Luther League of America.

At the supper hour the Leaguers were led in singing by Mr. Fred Bohlig.

The "after supper" speakers were Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, whose subject was "What I Have to Say," and Prof. J. D. Asirvadam of India.

CONNECTICUT

WATERBURY

The League is actively helping in the drive for funds for a parish house and new church. Over two thousand dollars has already been contributed. They are living up to the State motto, "Bigger, Better, Busier."

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON

The District Luther League of Charleston entertained at a banquet the Lutheran students

attending all the schools of higher education in Charleston.

WISCONSIN

MONROE

Grace League is conducting interesting meetings, with the members remaining for the evening service. Active service is rendered in the choir and other work of the congregation. Christmas baskets were sent and Christmas carols sung on Christmas Eve by thirty of the Leaguers. Ten dollars has been contributed to extension work.

OHIO

The St. John's Luther League of Findlay, Ohio, are backing their pastor in a series of evening services. So far these services have been a success.

The First Intermediate Luther League of Findlay, Ohio, sent the entire amount that they had in their treasury (\$3.60) to the American Bible Society for the re-establishment of the destroyed Japanese Bible Press.

The Luther League of Carey, Ohio, motored to Findlay, Ohio, and enjoyed a joint service with the First Luther League, Sunday, February 11. The topic, "In His Steps," was discussed. A violin solo and the pantomiming of the hymn "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" were the special features.

The First Luther League, Findlay, Ohio, are back of their pastor in a series of sermons for young people for a period of five Sunday evenings. They are advertising the meetings, getting out the crowds and their work is showing results.

KANSAS

KANSAS LEAGUE FOURTEEN EFFICIENT POINTS.

1. The holding of devotional services, at least monthly, at which the Luther League Topics are used.

2. Regular monthly business meetings. (Exclusive of summer months.)

3. One regular social each month. (Exclusive of summer and Lent.)

4. One hundred per cent. (100%) of the members daily reading the Bible.

5. At least one yearly meeting, at which the cause of the ministry and the diaconate is presented.

6. A net increase of members in good standing during the year of ten per cent.

7. Fifty per cent. of the homes represented in the League receiving the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

8. All State dues paid monthly.

9. A regular delegate at the State Convention.

10. Twenty per cent of the members reading one or more of the Books in the Luther League Reading Course, and ten per cent completing five of the books before the next State Convention.

11. Some definite work done for two of the three following causes: Inner, Home and Foreign Missions. Contributions for Ministerial Education accepted under Home Missions. Contribute at least \$1.00 per year toward some definite missionary work.

12. Twenty-five per cent of the members receiving the *Lutheran* in their homes.

13. One joint meeting during the year with the Junior League, Intermediate League, the Sunday School or the Confirmation class.

14. One hundred per cent of the members of the League, regular church attendants. Absence due to sickness or legitimate reasons taken into consideration.

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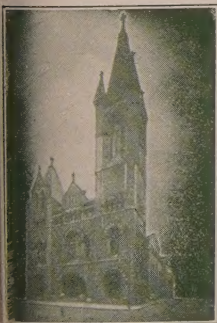
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